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Hinata
Hime
BLUE
HORROR
WARZONE
GLAMOROUS
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Maeno turned out surprisingly well!!

OUT NOW!!

Manager's recommendation!

I came to eat hot guys today!

Ume

KEN

INCLUDES MINI MAENO!!

Now available!!

Includes a stand that also fits Wakamatsu and Hori!! Put them all together ☆

ROMANCE

Girls

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MANGA

AMAMIKO

KASHIMA

YUZUKI

CHIYO

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[ISSUE 51]

SUMMER VACATION, HUH?
DID YOU SET YOURSELF ANY GOALS FOR THE BREAK, SENPAI?
GOALS LIKE ...? GOING TO BED AND GETTING UP EARLY, THAT SORT OF THING?
HMM...
I WAS THINKING OF SETTING MYSELF SOMETHING BIGGER ...
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN HERE?
PARA (FLIP)
PARA
DID HE GET HIMSELF A HOW-TO BOOK?
HE'S JUST AS SERIOUS AS EVER...

LONG TIME NO SEE... ...YOU GUYS.
NO WAY !!
THAT'S SATOU, THE LAME-O...?
HEH!
ZAWA (CLAMOR)
SHE TURNED INTO A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON OVER SUMMER VACATION ...!!!

WOULD YOU STOP USING SHOUJO MANGA AS A LIFE REFERENCE ALREADY!!!?
THEY'RE PART FANTASY, YOU KNOW!?

POINTS OF ADMIRATION

TO BE HONEST, THOUGH, I THINK EVERYONE WISHES THEY COULD JUST TRANSFORM THEMSELVES.
THAT'S A THING.
TRANS-FORM THEM-SELVES, HUH...?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE LIKE, THEN?
LET'S HEAR IT, WAKAMATSU.

DON'T TELL ME HE DOESN'T JUST WANT ATTENTION FROM GIRLS. HE WANTS TO BE ADMIRED BY OTHER GUYS TOO ...?
HEH HEH HEH HEH...
WAKU (EXCITED)
WAKU
SO?
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT HIM?
HIS LOOKS?
HIS MANLI-NESS?
HIS KIND-NESS?

HIS MENTAL FORTI-TUDE!
MY TREA-SURE ... ...IS YOU.
IF I SAID SOMETHING LIKE THIS, I COULD NEVER GO BACK TO SCHOOL!!!
DON'T MAKE MY HERO SOUND LIKE SOMEONE TO BE EMBARRASSED OF!

YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER TODAY, PRINCESS.
#1 イイ…!
GIII (CREAK)
HUH? HERE ...?
AND SUZUKI'S NOT EMBARRASSING!
YOU KNOW, THERE'S SOMEONE EVEN WORSE THAN SUZUKI OUT THERE.

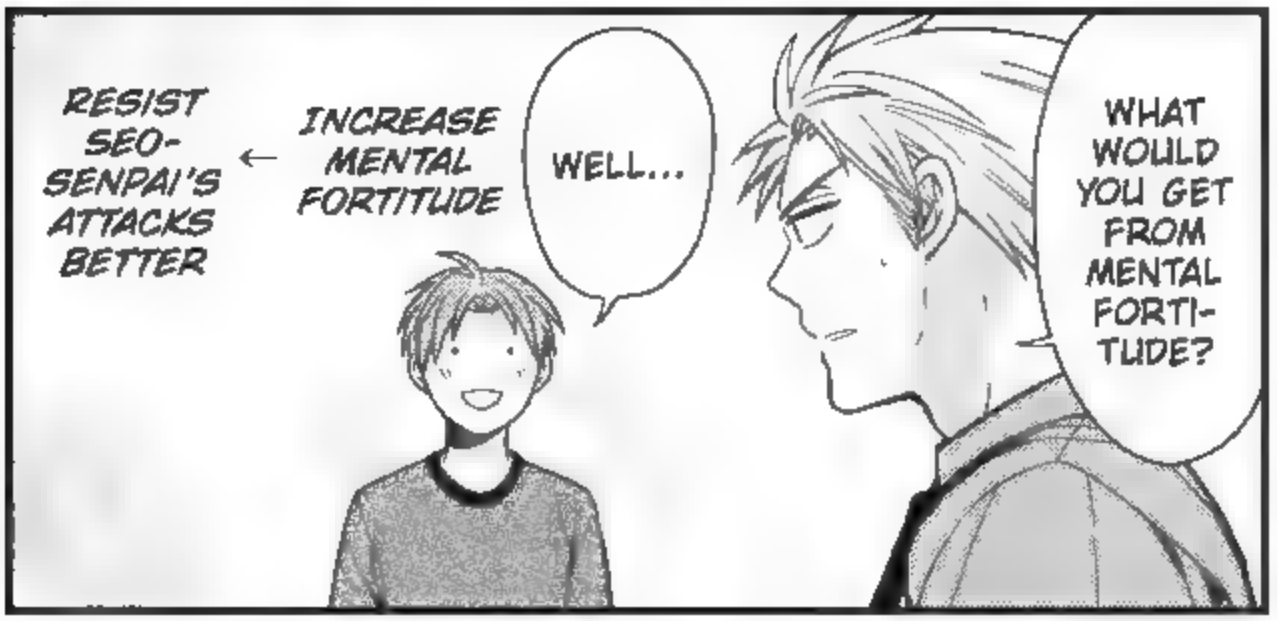
IT MAKES ME WORRY THAT, LIKE A LITTLE BIRD, YOU MIGHT LEAVE ME...
...AND FLY AWAY.
HUH ...?
WHY ...?
...BUT IT ALSO MAKES ME WORRY.
YOUR SMILE MAKES ME HAPPY...

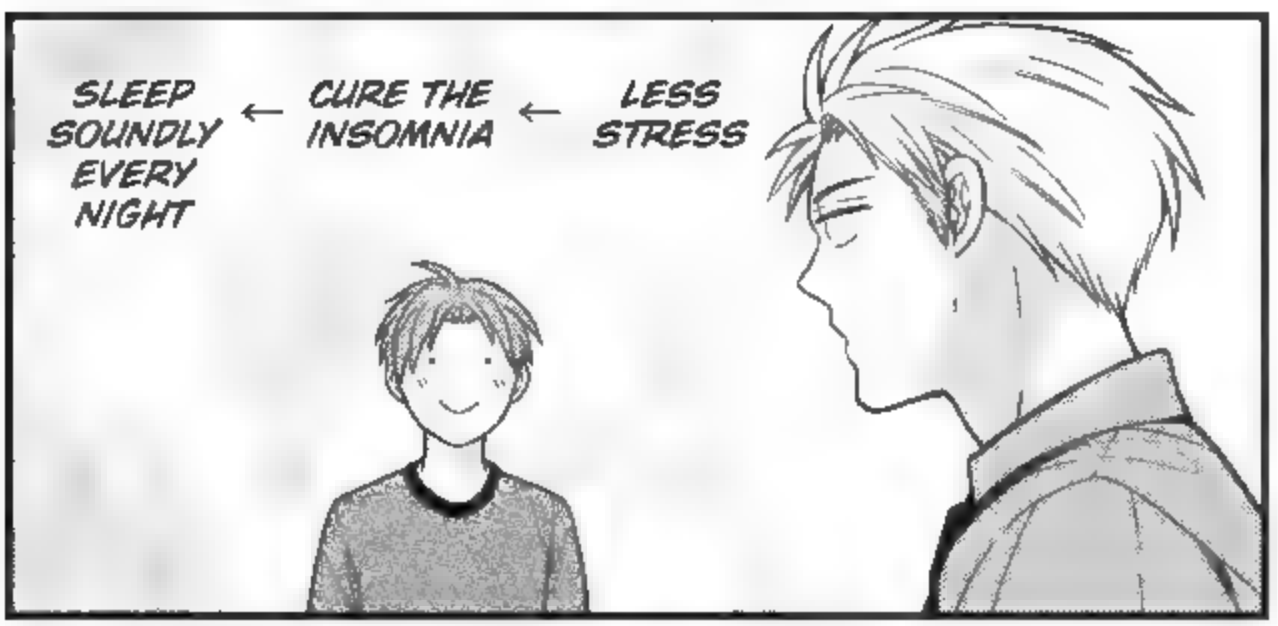
ACTORS ARE AMAZING...
I KNOW, IT'S ALL AN ACT, BUT IT STILL MAKES ME KIND OF EMBARRASSED...
HEEEEY!
SHE REALLY DOES KEEP SAYING ALL THOSE CRAZY THINGS...
WHOA! I KNEW IT HAD TO BE SOMEONE FROM THE DRAMA CLUB!!!

HUH ...!!?
KYAAA!
BATA
BATA
BATA (THUD)
WE'RE GONNA START PRACTICE, SO, ALL YOU OUTSIDERS, TAKE A HIKE!!!

AND THE THINGS THAT SUZUKI WOULD SAY ON A TWO-PAGE SPREAD...
YEAH...
YOU MEAN SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT...!?
WOW!!
WHAT DOES SHE DO AT THE CLIMAX!?
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE STILL SETTING UP THE EVERYDAY STUFF!!!
HERE
WHOA!!!
...SHE'LL SAY IN THE THIRD PANEL OF THE SECOND PAGE.
...SO FOR HER CLIMAX...
YEAH... SHE'D CALL FOR SPARKLY TONES FROM HER FIRST ENTRANCE ONWARD, SO...
WHAT SORT OF TONE WOULD YOU USE FOR HER!?
ACK!
THEN WHAT ABOUT HER TONE...!?
WHY ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT TONE HERE?
DO THAT AT HOME.
I've learned some-thing...!!!
...we'd use roses...!!!

HUH?
ACTU-ALLY, I'M...
...TRYING TO WORK ON MY MENTAL FORTI-TUDE!
WHY THAT ...?
HUH?
YOU CAME TO WATCH KASHIMA?


RESIST SEO-SENPAI'S ATTACKS BETTER
← INCREASE MENTAL FORTITUDE
WELL...
WHAT WOULD YOU GET FROM MENTAL FORTI-TUDE?


SLEEP SOUNDLY EVERY NIGHT
← CURE THE INSOMNIA
← LESS STRESS

WHY DID IT TAKE A BAD TURN?
GET A HEADACHE ← FROM OVER-SLEEPING
AH ...!

WHAT?
YOU TWO'VE MET BEFORE?
?
OH!
HELLO!!
HUH?
YOU'RE...

HE'S ALREADY GOT A FAIR BIT OF MENTAL FORTI-TUDE, DOESN'T HE!?
BA (WHIP)
BA
WITH CHIYO-CHAN AND YUZUKI.
YEAH.
WE ALL WENT SHOPPING FOR GIRLS' SWIMSUITS THIS ONE TIME.

UMM...
I'M PRETTY SURE.
BEING THE ONLY GUY THERE WOULD BE HELL, WOULDN'T IT?
HOW'D YOU SURVIVE THAT?
I GET IT.
OH...
UM...I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GUY BACK THEN, KASHIMA-SENPAI...
SORRY.

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON IN HIS BRAIN!?
BA
...HE PICKED OUT UNDER-WEAR FOR YUZUKI.

WE'RE MISSING A LOT OF PEOPLE TODAY.

HMM... IF YOU WANT TO FIND SOME COURAGE, THEN WHY NOT TRY GETTING UP ON THE STAGE?

WHAA —!?

ME!?

I CAN'T DO THAT!!

SENPAI ...

D.O. I.T. DO IT!

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TRANS-FORM YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?

THAT'S PER-FECT.

OH... THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR ME TO BECOME SOMEONE DIFFERENT FROM MY USUAL SELF...

LET'S GO ALL OUT AND DO THIS!!!

BI (FWIP)

VILLAGER C: "HELP ME! I'M SO SCARED OF THE COUNT THAT I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT!"

OKAY! I'LL DO THIS ONE!!!

THERE'S BARELY ANY CHANGE!!!

HOW HE OVERCOMES IT

WELL, EVERY-ONE'S NERVOUS AT FIRST...
...BUT HE'LL JUST HAVE TO GET OVER THAT...
WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED!
URO (FIDGET)
URO
IT'S EVEN WORSE WHEN THE LIGHT HITS HIM.

YOU CAN JUST STOP IF YOU HATE IT THAT MUCH, YOU KNOW!!!?
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING!?
KSHEE!
HFF!
KSHEE!
I THOUGHT MAYBE... I DIDN'T HAVE TO TALK IF THE LIGHT DIDN'T HIT ME.

IT'S MORE LIKE VILLAGER C IS REALLY GETTING IN THE WAY!!!
IT'S ALL ABOUT TEAM WORK...
BUT IF I DROP OUT IN THE MIDDLE, THAT'LL JUST CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR EVERYONE ELSE, WON'T IT...?

SENPAI ...
C'MON. LET'S TAKE A BREAK.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOUR-SELF.

HORI-SEN-PAI!
THIS GUY'S REALLY ANNOY-ING!!!
NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU WORK ME, I CAN TAKE IT!
NO !!!
I CAN STILL DO IT !!!
DON'T GIVE UP-ON ME!!

COME. DON YOUR MASK

HE SEEMS KINDA DUMB...

LET ME GIVE YOU THIS, YOUNG WAKA-MATSU.

THAT'S ...

...AN EYE-PATCH ..?

THIS IS YOUR MASK.

IF YOU PUT THIS ON, YOU'LL TURN INTO A COOL GUY OVER-FLOWING WITH CONFI-DENCE.

MY... MASK ...?

...THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HIM.

YOU THINK HE'LL TRANS-FORM?

AN ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL KID MIGHT ...

...BUT THAT'LL NEVER WORK ON A HIGH SCHOOLER.

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

BASA (FWAP)

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

HE REALLY IS AN IDIOT !!!

THEY TRIED HAVING HIM PLAY THE MAIN VILLAIN.

WELL...

...AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THAN BEING A VILLAGER ...

JUST BE CAREFUL I DON'T STEAL THE LEAD FROM UNDER YOUR NOSE.

WELL...

I'M SCARED OF WAKA-MATSU-KUN! HORI-CHAN!

...I GUESS HE'S JUST... GETTING INTO CHARAC-TER...

HE'S KIND OF COOL.

OH...

YEAH, WELL, I'M SURE HE'LL TURN BACK RIGHT AWAY.

YEAH.

I GUESS HE'S THE SORT OF GUY WHO GOES ALL-OUT.

AND GET BACK TO HIS SENSES

HOW DID HE CHANGE SO SUDDENLY!?

HUH ...?

HE'S NOT GOING BACK ...?

OH, WAKA-MATSU! YOU DIDN'T GO HOME!?

SEO-SENPAI'S HERE RIGHT NOW, SO MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY TO SNEAK AWAY BEFO—

I'M GOING OUT ON THE COURT.

WHAT!?

ZA (CBAM)

!

HEY ... YOU ...

PI! (FWEEE)

LET'S JUST GET THIS MATCH STARTED.

DON'T TALK TO ME LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS...

... SENPAI.

HE JUST WOULDN'T LISTEN!

.....

I WANTED TO TELL HIM THAT HE WAS GONNA FALL IF HE PLAYED WITH AN EYEPATCH ON.

WELL...
ALSO, MY FACE HURTS...
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER A POINT. DID I DO SOMETHING BAD?
BACK TO NOR-MAL

MAYBE IT REALLY WAS HIDDEN SOMEWHERE DEEP DOWN INSIDE HIM...
YOU KNOW, THAT PERSONA OF HIS... IT WAS WAY TOO PERFECT FOR HIM TO HAVE JUST MADE IT UP ON THE SPOT...

俺の
DO WHAT I SAY!
The cool, confident, and arrogant hero
"Don't talk to me like we're friends."

I TOLD YOU...
...TO STOP REFERENCING SHOUJO MANGA!!!

[ISSUE 52]

COULD YOU GIVE LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ A BIT OF A HORROR TWIST?

WE'D LIKE TO DO A HORROR COLLECTION FOR THE SPECIAL SUMMER ISSUE.

女ロマンス

ホラー女子

MAGAZINE: GIRLS' ROMANCE HORROR CO...

WOW!

YOU CAN DO HORROR?

HMM?

JUST A LITTLE HORROR.

...I THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR A BIT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

...SO...

THIS IS REALLY GOOD!

WE COULD...

IT'S REALLY DRAWING IT OUT!

...STILL LAUGH.

HEE HEE HEE...

AH HA HA HA...

OHHH!

IT'S GOT THE FEEL!

WE HAD NO IDEA THAT THINGS WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THAT...

IT WAS MEANT TO BE A FUN TRIP.

WAIT, WHAT HAP-PENED!?

YOU HAVE TO SHOW IT!!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE...

...THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED THERE...

THE END...

BUT I NEVER NOTICED IT.

FARE-WELL.

THAT LONELY-BUT-HAPPY ENDING...
...MAKES YOU FEEL KIND OF WIST-FUL.
..HAVE TO GO.
!...
IN HORROR STORIES WITH GHOSTS, IT ALWAYS ENDS WITH THE GHOST MOVING ON, RIGHT?

WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SERIES THE MONTH AFTER THAT?
SUZUKI-KUN...!!
THANK YOU... MAMIKO...

THAT FINAL REUNION SCENE WOULD BE SO RELIEVING.
LIKE, "HE'S ALIVE!!"
HIS BODY IS ASLEEP AT THE HOSPITAL.
I COULD ALWAYS HAVE HIM APPEAR AS A WANDERING SOUL SEPARATED FROM HIS BODY.

WASSHOI!
BUT SUZUKI-KUN'S DOING JUST FINE IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE, ISN'T HE?
SABUROU WORKING HARD TO CARRY THE PORTABLE SHRINE
HE WOKE UP FROM HIS SIX-MONTH COMA ...!!!
NO WAY ...
I CAME TO SEE THE REAL YOU...!
PACHI (BLINK)
MAMI ...KO ...?

RENTAL
HORROR COLLECTION
HORROR COLLECTION
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HORROR, DO YOU?
LET'S WATCH SOME DVDS.
A MOVIE, HUH ...?
OF COURSE, YOU CAN ALWAYS GIVE UP IF IT GETS TOO SCARY FOR YOU.

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY
"It wasn't supposed to be like this"
By watching this movie, you'll be cursed too...
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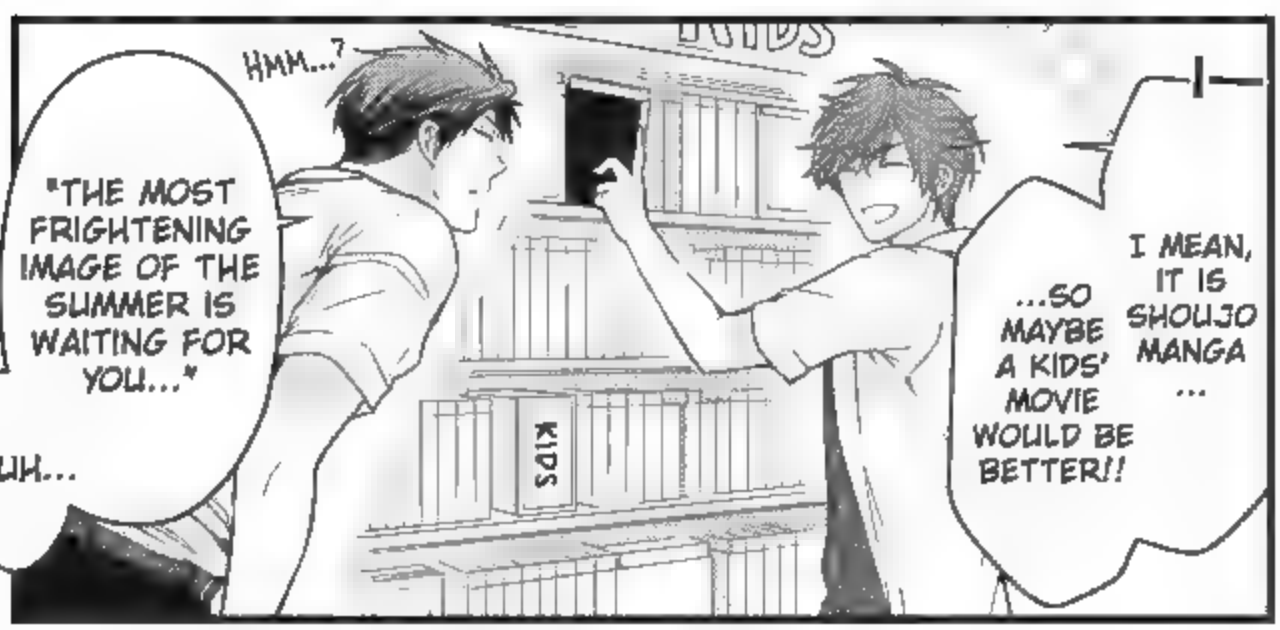
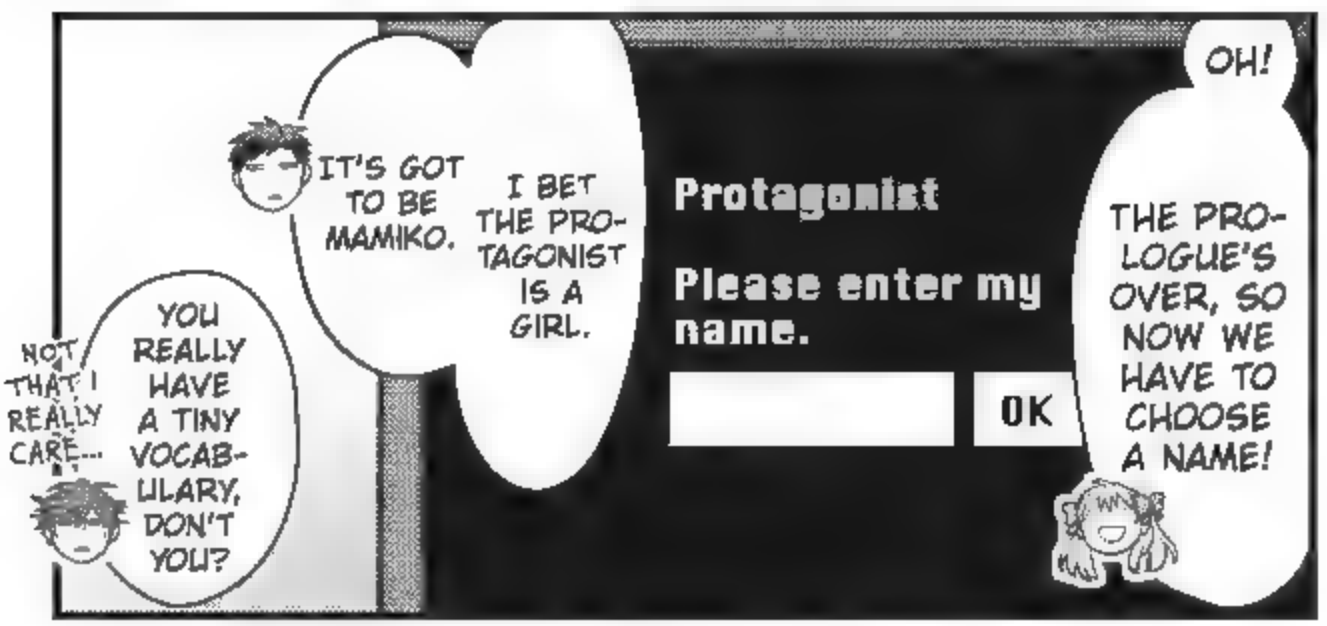
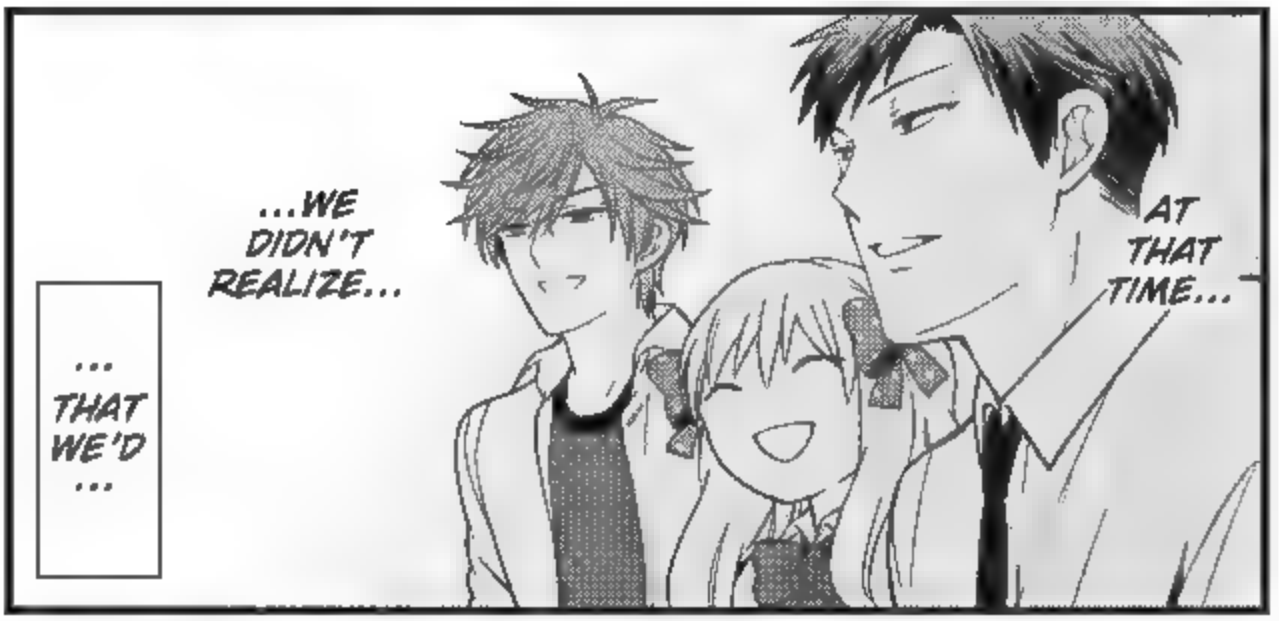
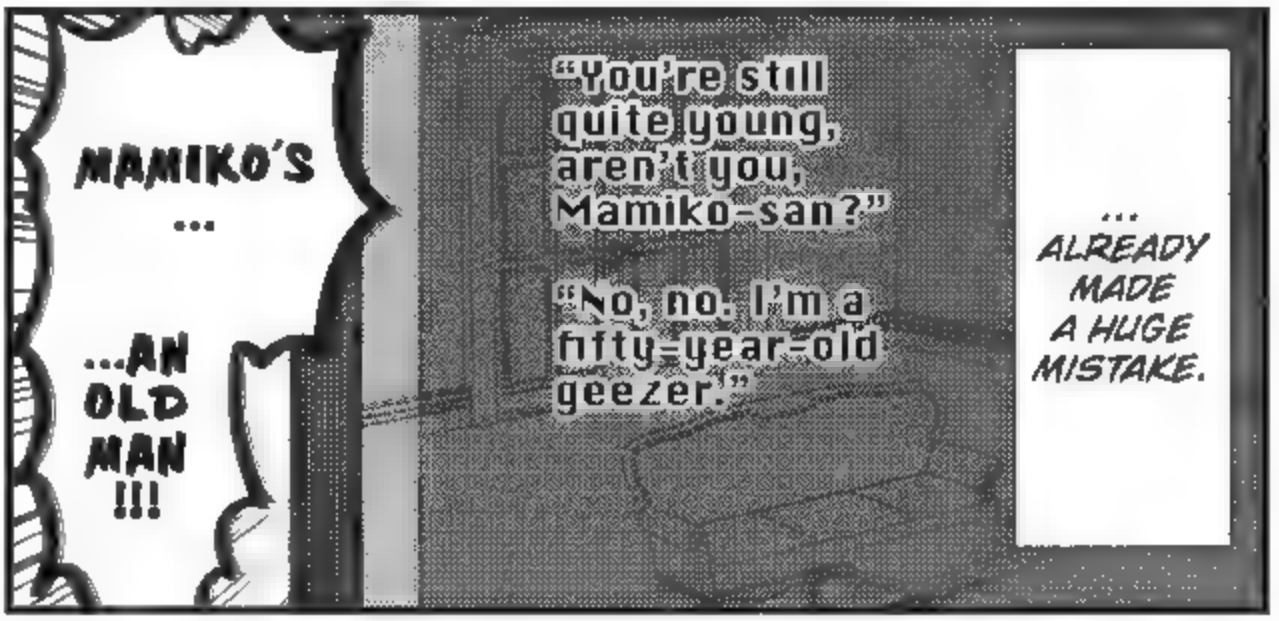

KIDS
HMM...?
"THE MOST FRIGHTENING IMAGE OF THE SUMMER IS WAITING FOR YOU..."
HUH...
...SO MAYBE A KIDS' MOVIE WOULD BE BETTER!!
I MEAN, IT IS SHOUJO MANGA ...

SU (FWISH)
すー
...STOP GIVING UP JUST FROM THE DESCRIP-TION.
MIKO-SHIBA ...

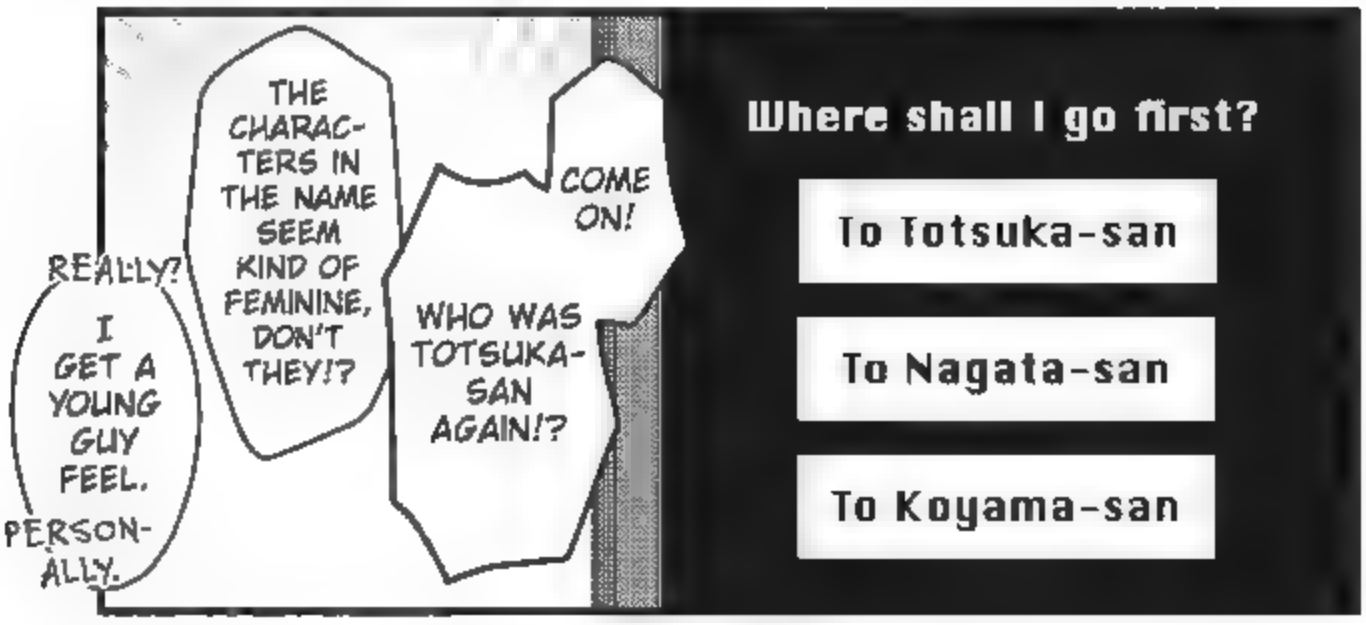
A HORROR TEXT ADVENTURE!!!
LET'S PLAY A GAME INSTEAD !!
HUH? WHAT ABOUT THE DVD ...?
THIS IS A CLASSIC-STYLE ONE WITHOUT ANY PICTURES, SO MAKE SURE TO READ THE WORDS!!
COME ON, IT'S STARTING!!!

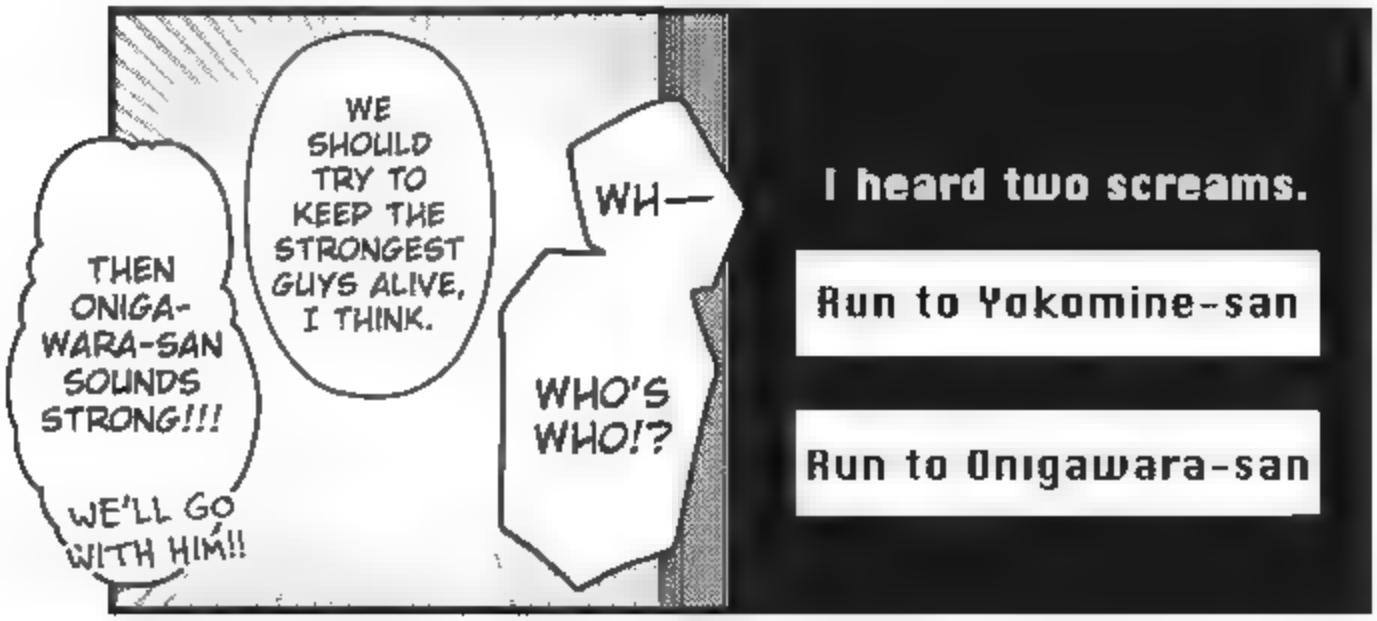

IT'S GOT TO BE MAMIKO.
I BET THE PRO-TAGONIST IS A GIRL.
Protagonist
Please enter my name.
OK
OH!
THE PRO-LOGUE'S OVER, SO NOW WE HAVE TO CHOOSE A NAME!
NOT THAT I REALLY CARE...
YOU REALLY HAVE A TINY VOCAB-ULARY, DON'T YOU?


...WE DIDN'T REALIZE...
AT THAT TIME...
... THAT WE'D ...


MAMIKO'S ... ...AN OLD MAN !!!
"You're still quite young, aren't you, Mamiko-san?"
"No, no. I'm a fifty-year-old geezer."
... ALREADY MADE A HUGE MISTAKE.

OH!
THE MANSION'S RESIDENTS KEEP APPEARING!
TWELVE OF THEM, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, HUH..?
THIS IS REALLY HARD..
SO BASICALLY, WE HAVE TO MAKE DEDUCTIONS.
...WAS ABOUT TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH WHILE ALSO TRYING TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE IN A CURSED KILLER MANSION.
THE GAME ...


REALLY? I GET A YOUNG GUY FEEL. PERSONALLY.
THE CHARACTERS IN THE NAME SEEM KIND OF FEMININE, DON'T THEY!?
COME ON!
WHO WAS TOTSUKA-SAN AGAIN!?
Where shall I go first?
To Totsuka-san
To Nagata-san
To Koyama-san

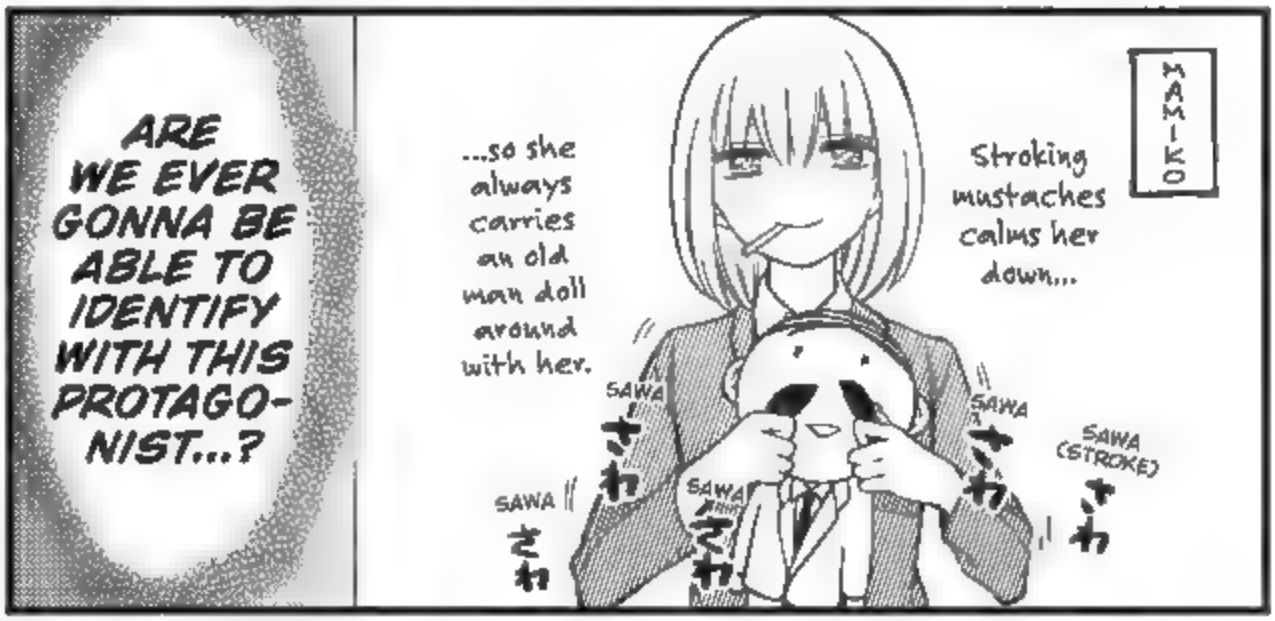

THEN ONIGAWARA-SAN SOUNDS STRONG!!!
WE'LL GO WITH HIM!!
WE SHOULD TRY TO KEEP THE STRONGEST GUYS ALIVE, I THINK.
WH—
WHO'S WHO!?
I heard two screams.
Run to Yokomine-san
Run to Onigawara-san

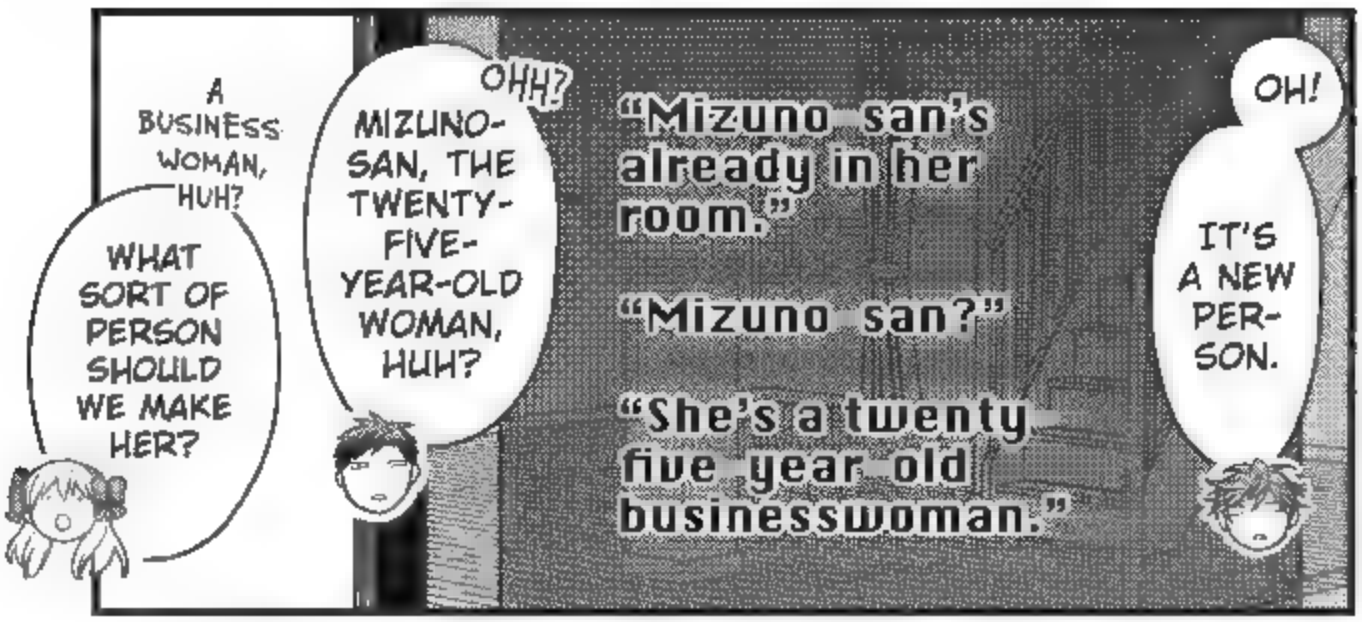
ONIGAWARA-SAN'S A WOMAN!?
Onigawara-san came running up to me, her skirt flapping around her legs.
"Oh, good...!! I was just...so scared...!"

IN ORDER TO BETTER IDENTIFY

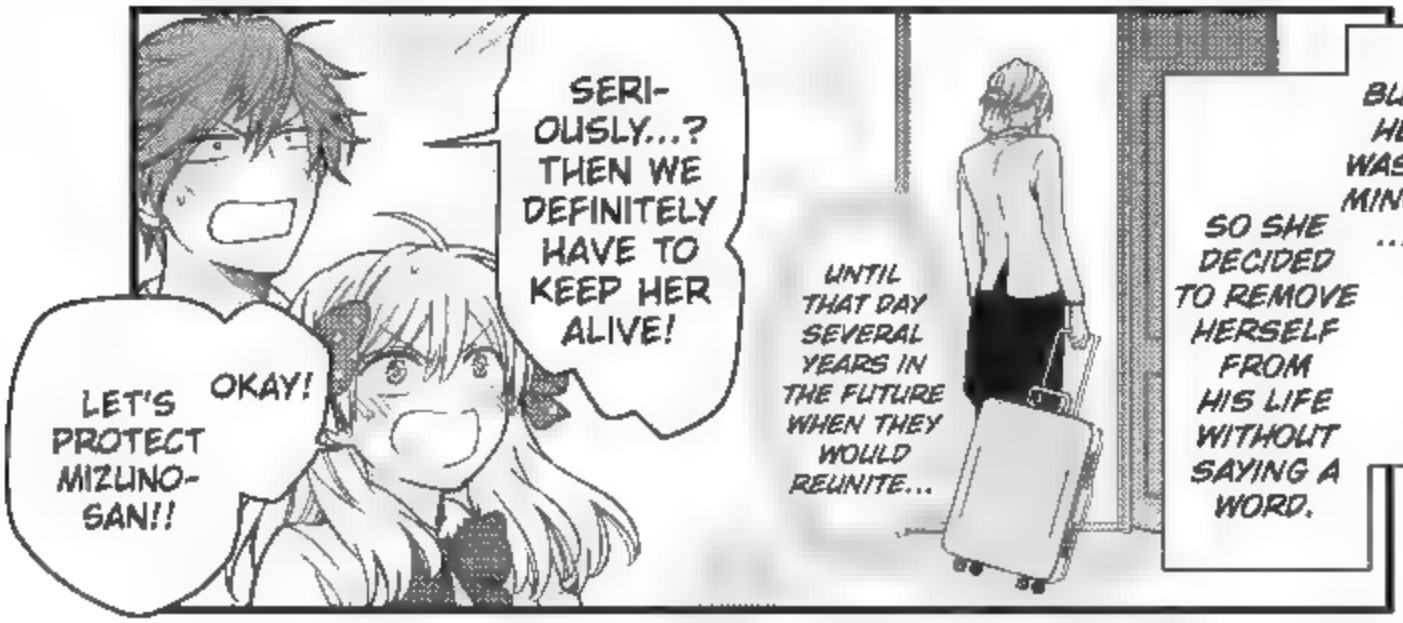
THEN LET'S GET THEIR CHAR-ACTERS SETTLED IN OUR OWN HEADS.
OH WELL.
OH, AOKI GOT CURSED.
I CAN'T PICTURE THEM...
...SO I JUST CAN'T IDENTIFY WITH THEM...

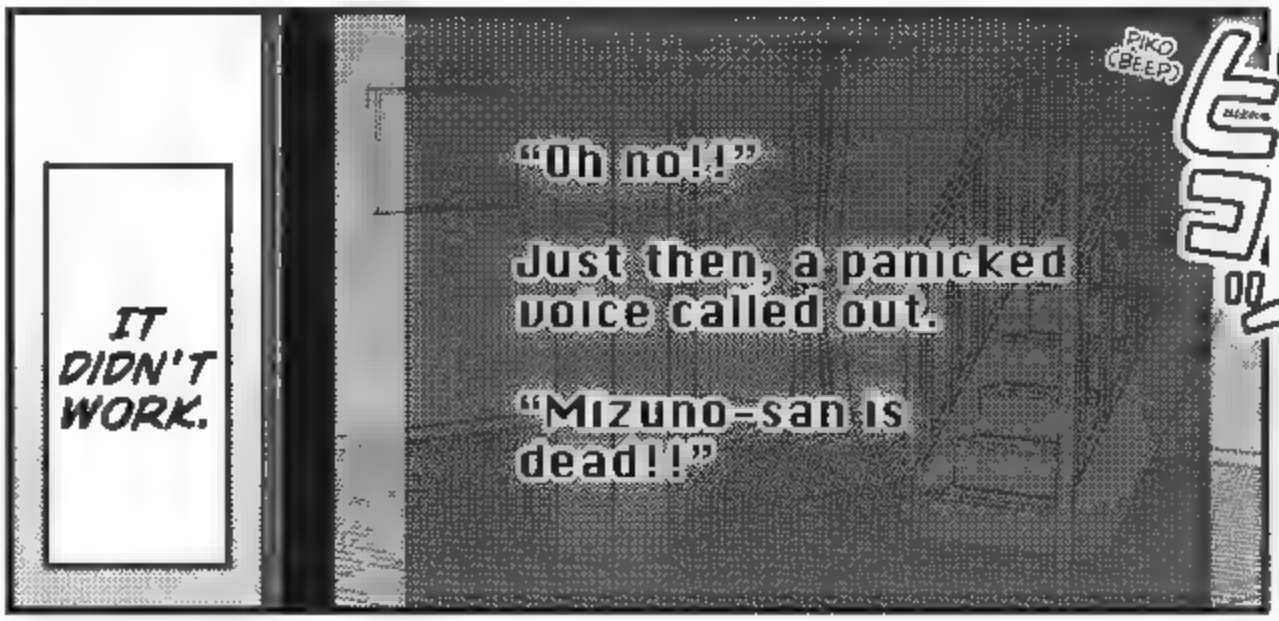
MAMIKO REALLY HAS A LOT OF QUIRKS FOR A PROTAGO-NIST, YOU KNOW.
Her running gag is... "I'm a fifty-year-old geezer."
WHERE'S THE SMOKING ROOM?
EX-CUSE ME.
MAMIKO
•Mild
•Gray-haired
•Old-fashioned way of speaking
...IS LIKE THIS.
FIRST OFF, MAMIKO, THE LEAD...


ARE WE EVER GONNA BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY WITH THIS PROTAGO-NIST...?
MAMIKO
...so she always carries an old man doll around with her.
Stroking mustaches calms her down...
SAWA さわ
SAWA さわ
SAWA さわ
SAWA さわ
SAWA (STROKE) さわ

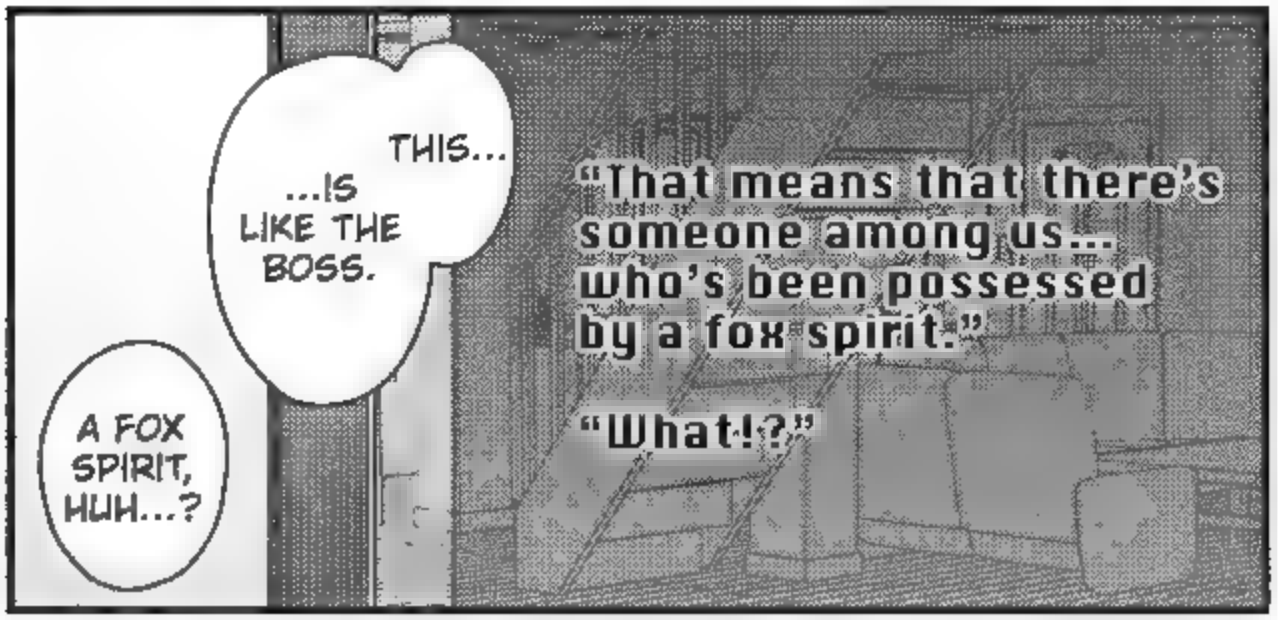

A BUSINESS WOMAN, HUH?
WHAT SORT OF PERSON SHOULD WE MAKE HER?
OHH?
MIZUNO-SAN, THE TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, HUH?
"Mizuno-san's already in her room."
"Mizuno-san?"
"She's a twenty-five-year-old businesswoman."
OH!
IT'S A NEW PER-SON.

...A STUDENT WHO WAS SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH HER TOLD HER HOW HE FELT.
SENSEI! I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU...!!
TOORU-KUN...
LET'S SEE...
SHE WAS A PRIVATE TUTOR BEFORE SHE CAME HERE.
ONE DAY...


SERI-OUSLY...? THEN WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO KEEP HER ALIVE!
OKAY!
LET'S PROTECT MIZUNO-SAN!!
UNTIL THAT DAY SEVERAL YEARS IN THE FUTURE WHEN THEY WOULD REUNITE...
SO SHE DECIDED TO REMOVE HERSELF FROM HIS LIFE WITHOUT SAYING A WORD.
BUT HE WAS A MINOR ...


IT DIDN'T WORK.
PIKO (BEEP)
"Oh no!!"
Just then, a panicked voice called out.
"Mizuno-san is dead!!"

YEAH.
THIS SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO MAKE DEDUC-TIONS.
WE FINALLY HAVE PICTURES FOR ALL OF THEM!!
NOW I THINK WE CAN REMEMBER THEM.


THIS...
...IS LIKE THE BOSS.
A FOX SPIRIT, HUH...?
"That means that there's someone among us... who's been possessed by a fox spirit."
"What!?"

WHAT SORT OF PROOF DO YOU HAVE...!?
HUH!?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT SO DEFINI-TIVELY!?
I THINK IT'S KON-DOU-KUN.
I THINK IT'S SAKAMAKI-SAN.

DO SOME ACTUAL DEDUC-TION!
...WOULD LOOK THE BEST AS A FOX!
WELL, THEY...
YOOO-
YOOO-
KONDOU-KUN
AGE 7, NAUGHTY
SAKAMAKI-SAN
AGE 1, PALE BEAUTY

A SHOCKING FINALE

AFTER THAT...
...WE JUST CONTINUED WITH THE STORY WITHOUT TRYING TO DEDUCE ANYTHING ELSE.
HEY, MAMIKO'S STROKING HER MUSTACHE AGAIN!!
I THOUGHT NAGATA-SAN WAS SUSPICIOUS RIGHT FROM THE START...
IS IT TOTSUKA-SAN!?
IT'S NOT TOYOGAWA-SAN!?

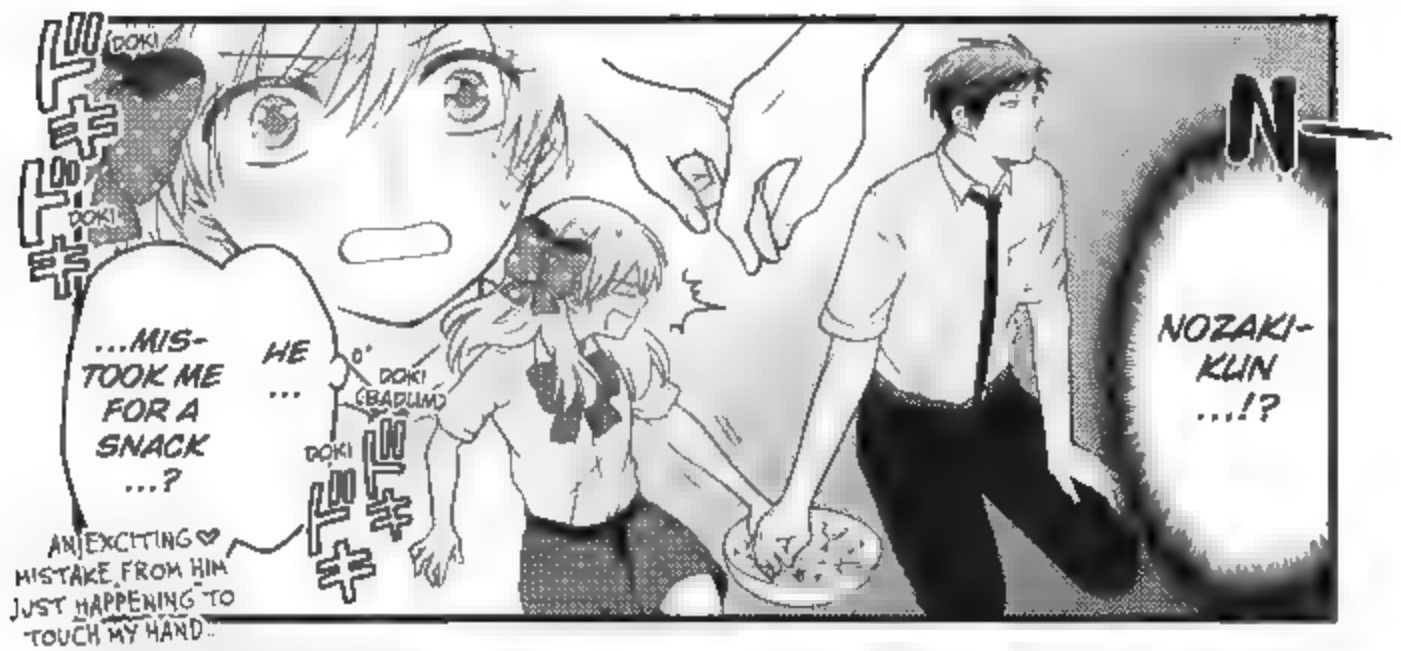
UMM.
"YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN POSSESSED BY THE FOX SPIRIT, MAMIKO-SAN."
TA-DAA!
THERE ARE ONLY THREE PEOPLE LEFT. I REALLY DON'T CARE WHO IT IS ANYMORE.
SO IT'S FINALLY GOING TO BE REVEALED ...
BORI ボリ
BORI (CRUNCH) ボリ

... HMM?
HEY, THAT'S ...!
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, SHE WAS FISHY.
GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF IT'S HER.
...SO IT WAS MAMIKO ...

IT'S THE SAME!!!
THE WIFE'S NAME IS MAMIKO !!?
I can't go back to being a person. I think back on my wife, who I left behind at home.
"Mamiko...I don't think I'm coming home..."
N—
NO WAY...

AFRAID OF THE DARK

I KNOW IT'S KINDA LATE NOW, BUT SHOULD I TURN OFF THE LIGHT?
WE'RE DOING A SECOND PLAY-THROUGH.
YEAH!
HAVING IT DARK MIGHT GET US IN THE MOOD!!



IT WAS SO WARM...

DO DO DO (THUMP) DO DO

SORRY ABOUT THAT, SAKURA.

IT'S I— OKAY ...

WAIT A MINUTE!

CAN WE TURN OFF THE LIGHTS AGAIN!?

C—

WAAAAH!

I CAN'T STOP BLUSH-ING!!!

MIKO-RIN...

...more clearly ...

I want to see your face...

It's such a waste to hide in the dark.

BIKU (FLINCH)

...YOU'RE SCARED OF THE DARK?

... DON'T TELL ME...

HMM.
NOT REALLY THE GAME.
SO, WAS THE GAME HELPFUL TO YOU?

BIKU
BUT I THOUGHT OF SOME-THING WHEN WE MADE THE ROOM GO DARK...

GOSO
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
HERE IT IS.
COULD IT BE FROM THAT TIME ...!?

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE KEN-SAN HATE YOU, YOU KNOW.
I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING !!
HEY!! WHAT HAP-PENED !?
KYA!
MAMI-KO!!!
THIS MAKES IT SO MUCH EASIER, DON'T YOU THINK?
I'LL STAY WITH YOU.
IT'S ALL RIGHT
SUZUKI-KUN...?
!
KYU (SQUEEZE)

SHE ACCIDENTALLY SAID IT OUT LOUD.

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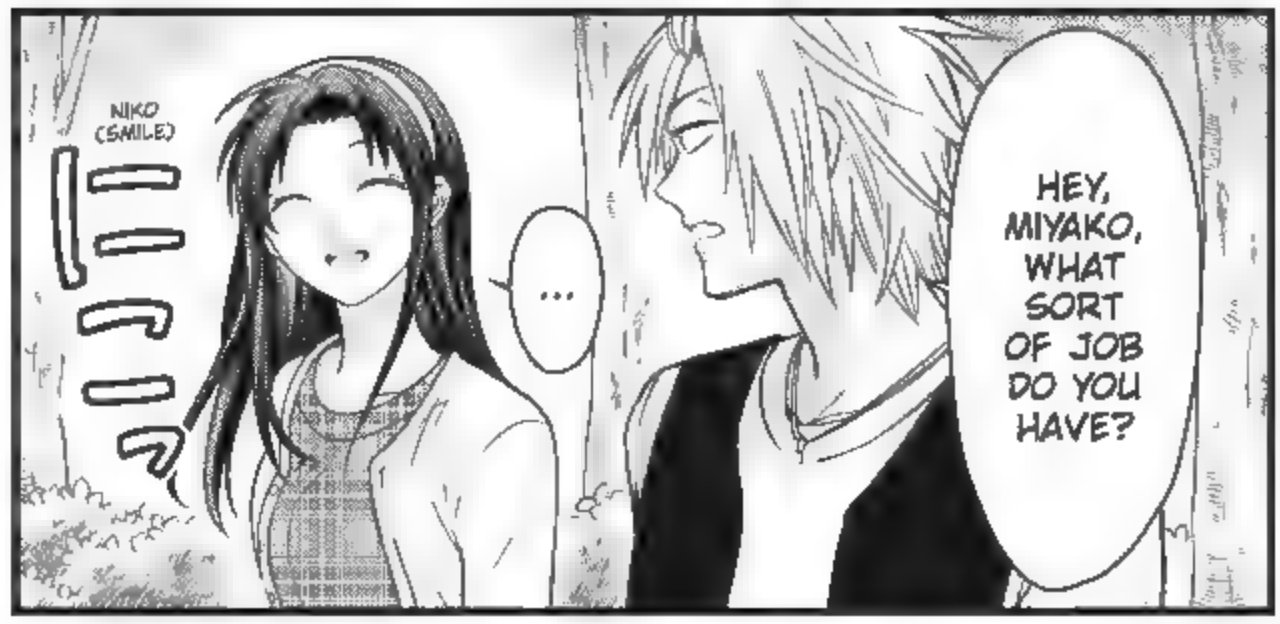
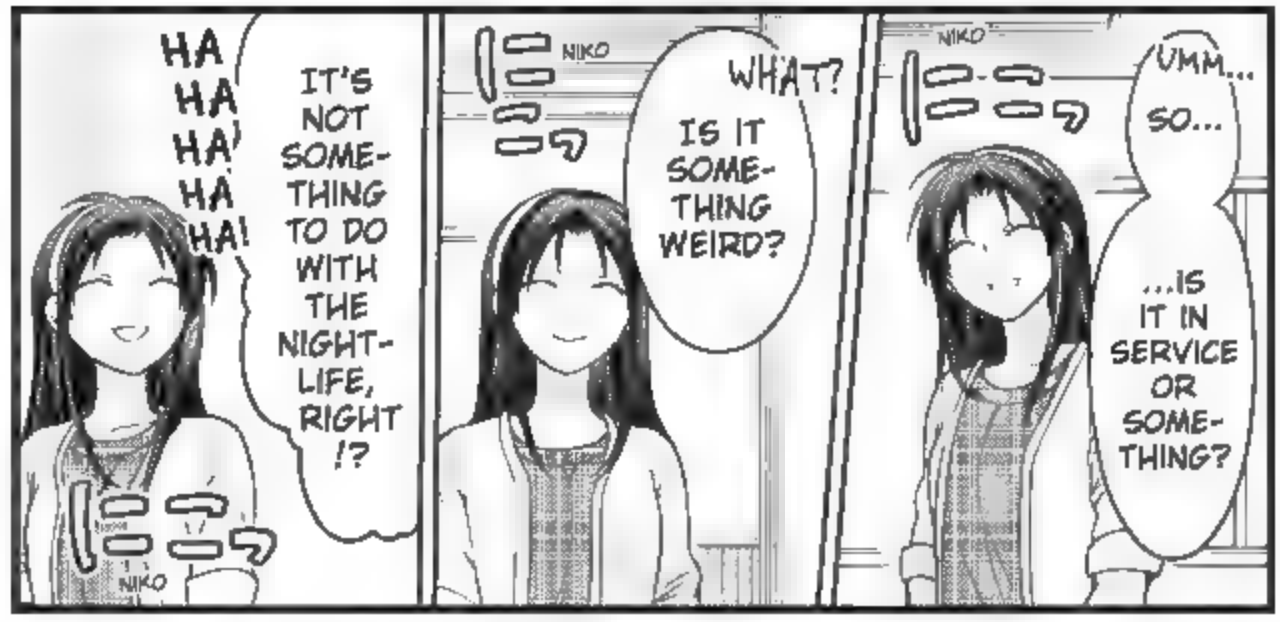
YOU KEEP THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A MANGA-KA A SECRET, RIGHT, MIYAKO-SAN?
NO ONE FINDS OUT ABOUT IT?
YOU DO USE YOUR REAL NAME...
WELL ...
...I CAN PASS A LOT OF THINGS OFF IF I JUST SMILE.
I'M JUST FINE!


HEY, MIYAKO, WHAT SORT OF JOB DO YOU HAVE?
...
NIKO (SMILE)


HA HA HA HA HA!
IT'S NOT SOME-THING TO DO WITH THE NIGHT-LIFE, RIGHT !?
NIKO
WHAT?
IS IT SOME-THING WEIRD?
NIKO
UMM... SO...
...IS IT IN SERVICE OR SOME-THING?

SHE'S GOT SOME SERIOUS DEMONS, MAN.
GIVE IT UP ALREADY.
I WAS TOO SCARED TO ASK ANY-THING ELSE...
YOU SHOULDN'T GET TOO INVOLVED!

WHA—!!?
FOR REAL!!?
GATA (CLATTER)
BA (WHIP)
SO, DID YOU KNOW THAT MIYAKO HAS A BOY-FRIEND?

AH-HA-HA!
THAT SAME MIYAKO...
...HAS GOTTEN INTO STUFF LIKE THAT...?
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT...?
YORO (STAGGER)
...NO WAY...
...ANOTHER WOMAN!!
I'M THINKING OF ADDING...
AND WHAT'S MORE, HE'S A HIGH SCHOOL BOY WITH A THING FOR CHEATING.
THAT CONVER-SATION SUCKED...

THAT... MUST HAVE REALLY GOTTEN HER DOWN...
SERI-OUSLY...?
ACTUALLY, I JUST HAPPENED TO SEE THEM FIGHTING THE OTHER DAY...

THAT PART OF HER HASN'T CHANGED.
AH HA HA HA!
NO, SHE WAS TOTALLY LAUGHING.

IT'S OKAY.
I WAS STUCK ON MY OWN DRAFT TOO...
I JUST DON'T LIKE COMING HERE ALONE...
SORRY FOR DRAGGING YOU WITH ME, NOZAKI-KUN.

ONE WHERE MAMIKO AND SUZUKI GET ALL LOVEY-DOVEY.
SO THE USUAL?
WHAT SORT OF STORY ARE YOU DOING THIS TIME?

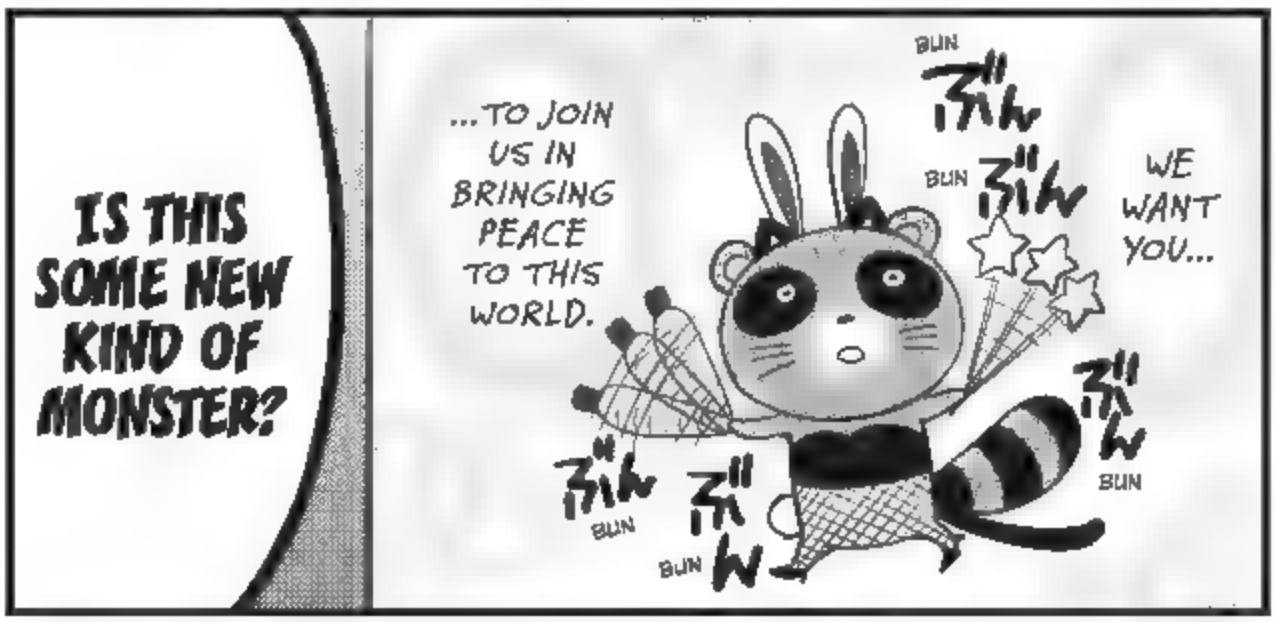
A NEW GENRE!
OH?
CAN I HAVE A LOOK?
THIS TIME, I THINK I'M GOING TO TRY MY HAND AT A TRANS-FORMATION STORY!
WHAT SORT OF STORY ARE YOU DOING?

IT'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS, ISN'T IT?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD SURPRISE ME AT THIS POINT.
NO WAY...
DOWN HERE
BA (WHIP)
THIS VOICE...!?
BLUN (FWOOSH)
...THE TANUKI !!?
YOU MEAN...
BLUN
BLUN
HELP US.
!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

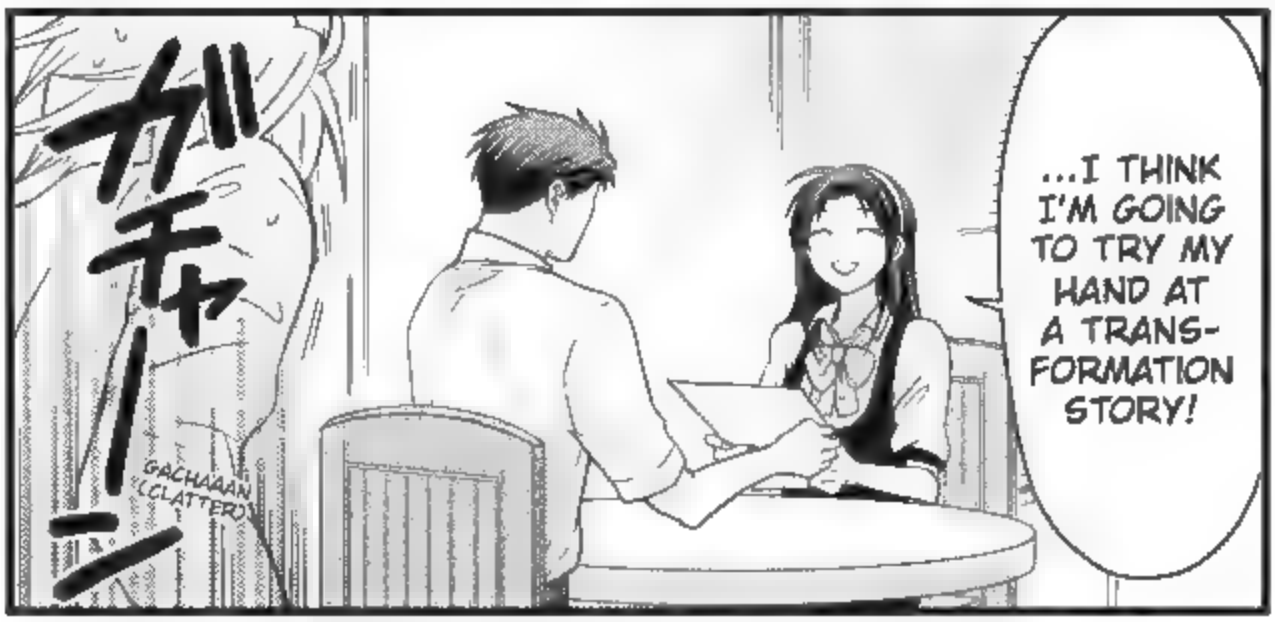
LIKE, "MROOow"!
THEN WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CAT EARS?
WELL, THAT'S BETTER THAN TANUKI...
LIKE THIS?
MROOOW!
CAT...

MIYAKO-SAN...
...THAT'S DISTURB-ING.
TRANSFORM INTO A CAT GIRL!!!
PAAAAAAAA! (FWOOOSH)

WELL, THAT COULD BE BETTER THAN THE CAT...
LIKE THIS?
GARI (SKRITCH)
GARI
GARI
GARI
BUNNY ...
THEN WHAT ABOUT A BUNNY GIRL!?


IS THIS SOME NEW KIND OF MONSTER?
...TO JOIN US IN BRINGING PEACE TO THIS WORLD.
BUN
BUN
BUN
BUN
BUN
WE WANT YOU...

THIS TIME...
WHAT THE HELL'S SO FUN ABOUT SOME BRAT...?
HMPH!
A HIGH SCHOOLER BOY-FRIEND, HUH...?
PINPOON (DING-DOONG)
ピンポーン
WELCOME!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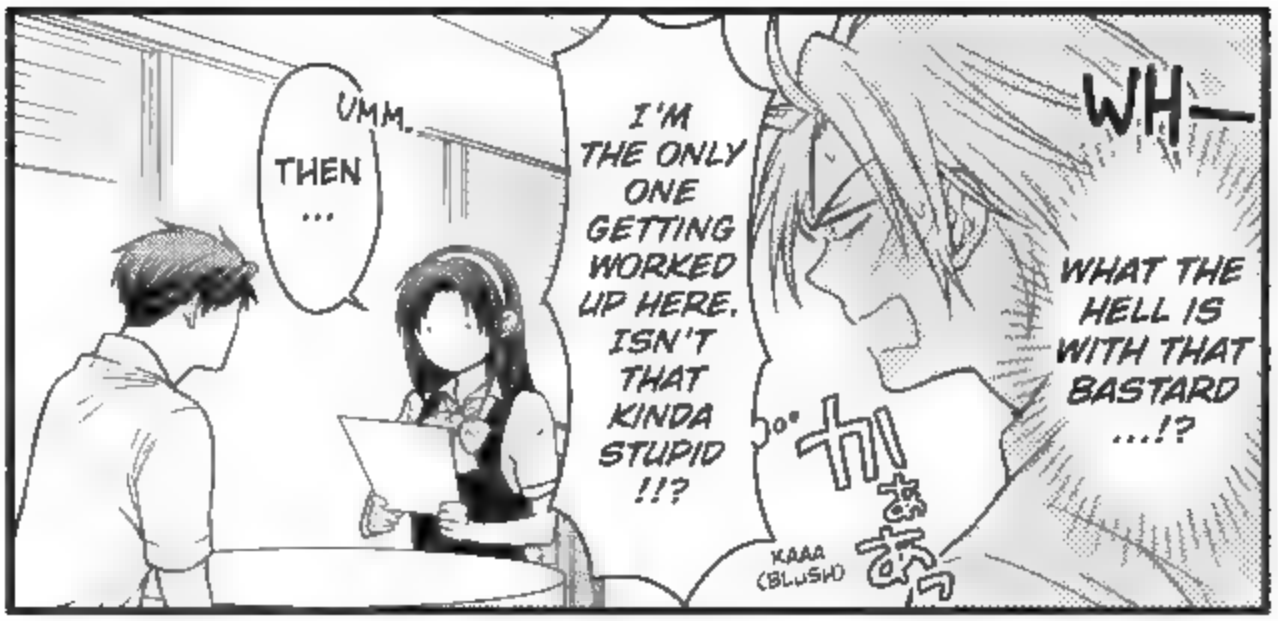
GACHAAAN (CLATTER)
...I THINK I'M GOING TO TRY MY HAND AT A TRANS-FORMATION STORY!

SHE'S GONNA SHOW HIM!!?
A LOOK !!?
PICTURES!? DOES SHE HAVE PICTURES !!?
WHOoooooA!
CAN I HAVE A LOOK?
OH?
TH—
COS-PLAY !!?
WAIT, NEVER MIND THAT!
THAT'S THE BOY-FRIEND ...

COLLEGE STUDENT
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
IT'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS, ISN'T IT?


UMM.
THEN ...
I'M THE ONLY ONE GETTING WORKED UP HERE. ISN'T THAT KINDA STUPID !!?
KAAA (BLUSH)
WH—
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THAT BASTARD ...!?

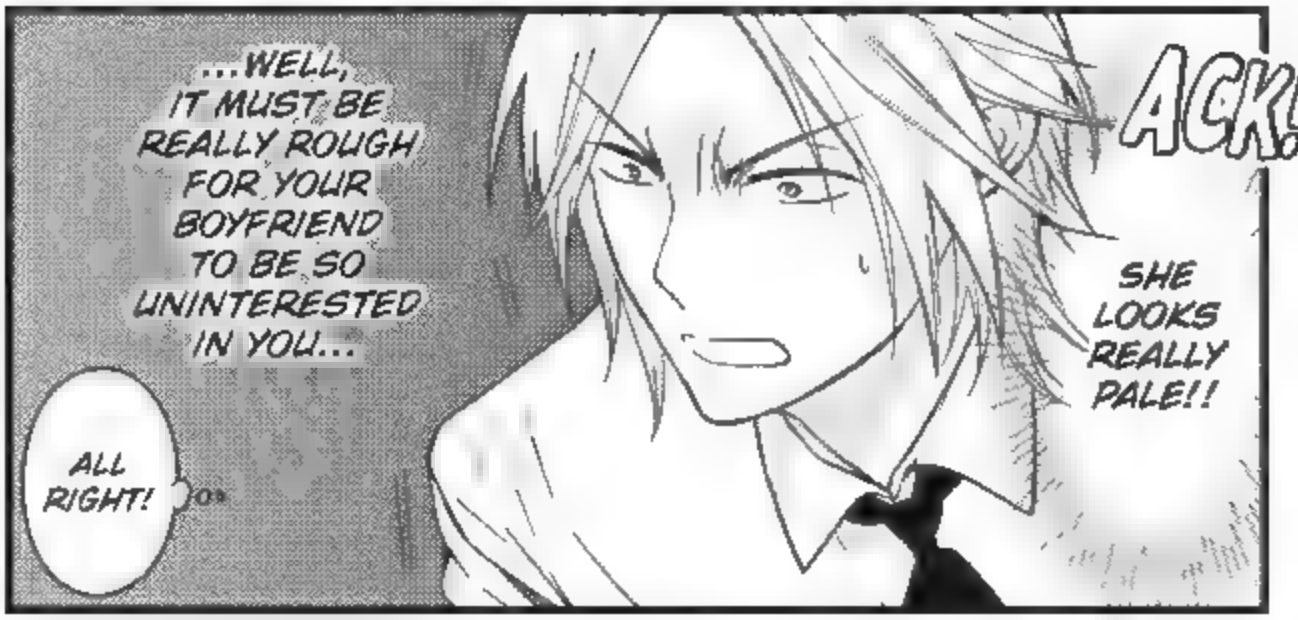
CAT EARS ...!!!
MROOow!
!!!
...WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CAT EARS?

...WHAT ABOUT A BUNNY GIRL!?
THEN ...
WHA —!!?
BA (WHAP)
THAT'S DISTURBING.

HOW... CAN HE LOOK AT HIS GIRL-FRIEND LIKE THAT?
IS THIS SOME NEW KIND OF MONSTER?

OH?
RYOU-SUKE-KUN?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. HERE ARE YOUR CAKE SET AND COFFEE.

MY FRIEND'S A MANGA-KA!
THIS IS BAD... HE SEEMS THE TALKING TYPE, SO IT'LL BE A BIG HASSLE IF HE FINDS OUT THAT I'M A MANGA-KA...
BA (WHAP)
ACK!
HE DIDN'T HEAR THAT CONVERSATION JUST NOW, DID HE...!?


...WELL, IT MUST BE REALLY ROUGH FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND TO BE SO UNINTERESTED IN YOU...
ALL RIGHT!
ACK!
SHE LOOKS REALLY PALE!!

STOPP!!!
!?
Well, I'll have you know ...
...I'm really interested in you!!!
DON (THUMP)

"STOP," HUH...? I GUESS MAYBE I AM INTERFERING IN HER EYES...
KOSO (WIDE)
KOSO
HEH...
BUT I...

GET UP HERE !!
HEY! YOU THERE !
...DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE!!!

NU (LOOM)
.....

PLEASE SIT BACK DOWN.

DAMMIT!
YOU MAY BE GIGANTIC, BUT YOU'VE STILL GOT SOME NERVE!!
BA (WHAP)
RYOU-SUKE-KUN !!?

SHIT...I COULDN'T HELP BUT THROW IN THAT LAST JAB...
BIKU (NERVOUS)
...HE'S NOT COMING AFTER ME...
WAIT, BUT...
WHAT DO I DO IF HE COMES AT ME FROM BEHIND...!?
.....
-JI (STARE)
BIKU

BA

NO-ZAKI-KUN!
CON-TROL YOUR-SELF !!!
GIRI (STRAIN)
GIRI
GIRI
BIKU

"RYOU-SUKE-SAN," RIGHT? I KIND OF LIKE HIM.

HE'S NOT A BAD GUY...

IT'S OKAY.

SORRY MY FRIEND WAS SUCH A BOTHER ...

HUH ...?

GARI (SKRITCH)

GARI

GARI

I KNOW. MAYBE THE NEXT STORY SHOULD BE ABOUT SUZUKI GETTING A JOB.

HE LOOKED PRETTY COOL IN THAT UNIFORM TOO...

WHAT'S THIS...? HEARING RYOUSUKE-KUN PRAISED LIKE THAT KIND OF MAKES ME HAPPY...

.....

GARI

GARI

GARI

OH, AND I CAN HAVE HIS SENPAI AT WORK GET ALL JEALOUS TOO...

I'LL USE THE WAY RYOU-SUKE-SAN CARRIED THOSE PLATES AS A REFER-ENCE...

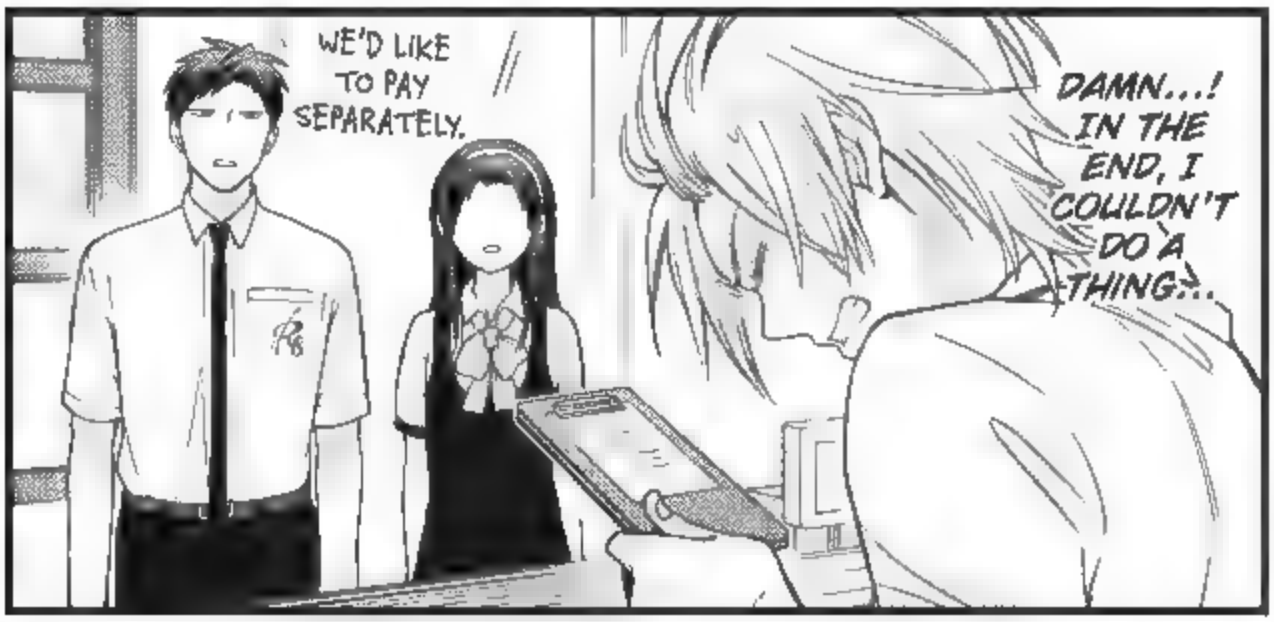
...NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THAT SIDE CHARACTER IS RYOUSUKE-KUN!!!

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE FOR BEING A NEWBIE!!

DAM-MIT!

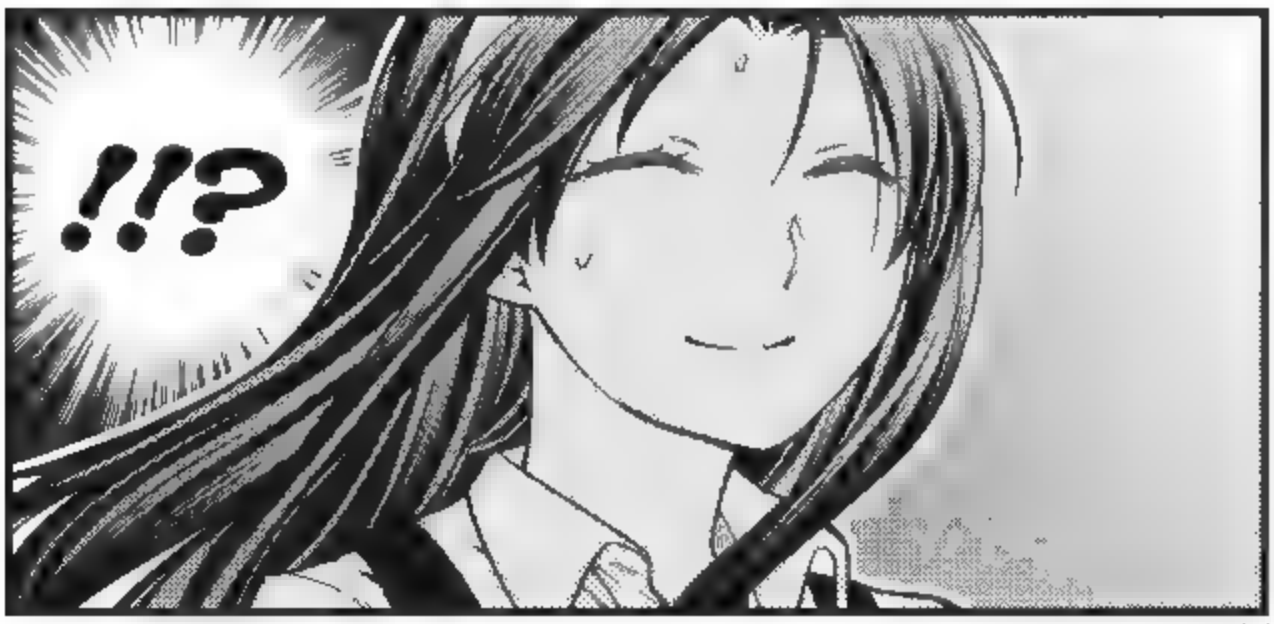
DON'T YOU TOUCH MAMIKO !!!

BUT, NOZAKI-KUN...


WE'D LIKE TO PAY SEPARATELY.
DAMN...! IN THE END, I COULDN'T DO A THING...

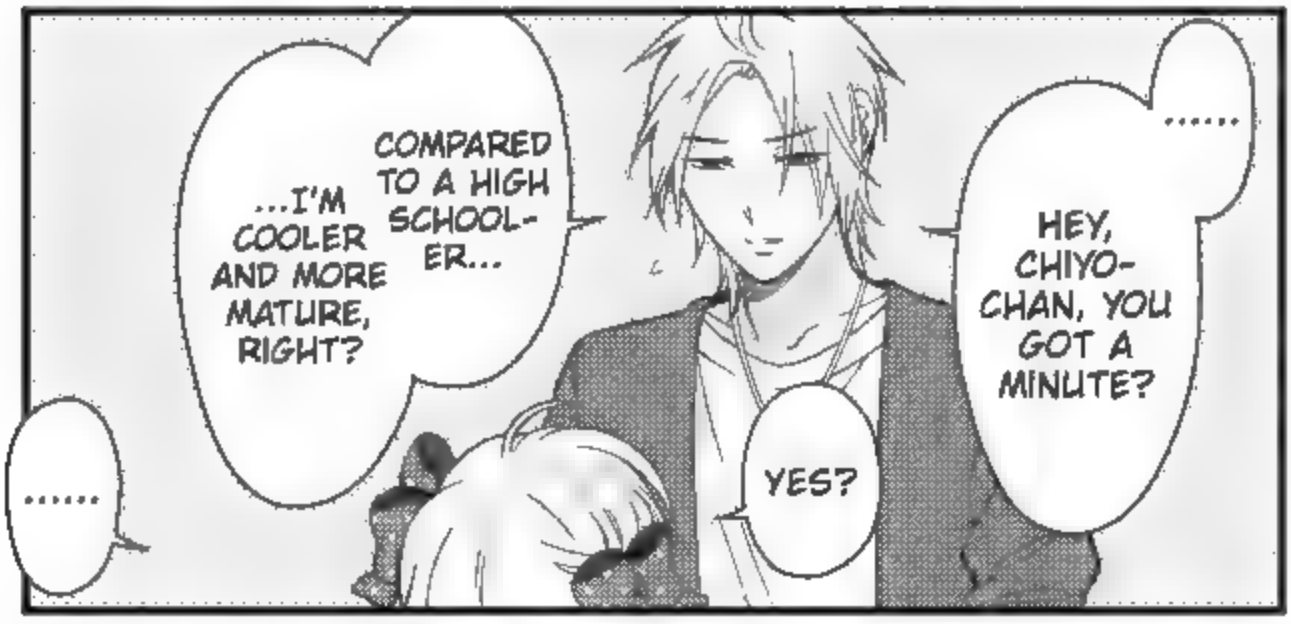
MIYAKO !!!
I WOULD !!!
GASHI (GRAB)
I WOULD ...!!!
ISN'T I— THERE ANYTHING ...!? ANYTHING I CAN SAY IN FRONT OF HER BOYFRIEND ...?

...BE TOTALLY THRILLED IF YOU WORE A BUNNY GIRL OUTFIT!!!
I WOULD ...


!!?

OH!
RYOU-SUKE-SAN.
...I'M HOME...

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO TINY.
WHY ARE YOU PLAYING FETCH FOR MY SISTER?
OH...
CHIYO-CHAN, HUH?
WE'RE HAVING SOME JUICE.
SORRY TO IN-TRUDE!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...I'M COOLER AND MORE MATURE, RIGHT?
COMPARED TO A HIGH SCHOOL-ER...
YES?
HEY, CHIYO-CHAN, YOU GOT A MINUTE?
.....

STOP TRYING TO BRUSH ME OFF BY SMILING!!!
NIKO (SMILE)

I'M BACK !!!
YOUR BIG BROTHER HAS RE-TURNED !!!
BAAAN (TA-DAA)
ばーーん
OH WELL, GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO HAVE MY SISTER AND THE GIRLS FAWN ALL OVER ME NOW...
ONII-SAN!!!
NII-CHAN !!!
BA (WHAP)
ばっ
THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH ...
WHOO, WHOO! YOU'RE SO COOL, NII-CHAN!
GIMME THE NEW CAKE!!!
...
ALL RIGHT!!!
THAT ENTRANCE MEANS YOU HAVE CAKE WITH YOU, DOESN'T IT!?
YEAH !!
FALL ALL OVER ME, GIRLS !!!

RYOUSUKE SEO

COLLEGE STUDENT, AGE TWENTY. MIYAKO-SAN'S CLASSMATE. YUZUKI'S BROTHER.

...I'M TALLER, COOLER, AND MORE ADULT THAN THE HIGH SCHOOL GUYS IN YOUR LIVES?

FROM A COMMON POINT OF VIEW, DON'T YOU THINK...

...SO...

...TELL ME, HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS.

HORI-SENPAI IS COOLER THAN YOU, ONII-SAN!

HIS KICKS ARE REALLY FAST!!!

WAKA'S TALLER THAN YOU, NII-CHAN.

GEEZ!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

UGH...

IT'S OKAY. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND SAY "WHAT'S-HIS-NAME IS MUCH BETTER~! ♡" TOO, CHIYO-CHAN...

NOW HE'S GETTING DOWN AGAIN!!!

HON-ESTLY, YOU TWO!

SHE'S EVIL!

YOU DON'T HOLD A CANDLE TO HIM!

...TO BE HONEST, I RAN INTO RYOUSUKE-KUN AT THE RESTAURANT THE OTHER DAY...

HUH!?

WHAA—!?

AT THE RES-TAU-RANT!?

D-DID HE SAY ANY-THING!?

H—

HE SAID HE WANTED ME TO WEAR A BUNNY GIRL OUTFIT...

... LISTEN UP, EVERY-ONE.

YOU KNOW THAT YUKARI IS SECRETLY WORKING A NIGHT JOB, RIGHT?

... WELL YEAH ...

THAT'S TOTALLY OBVIOUS ...

OF COURSE WE NOTICED.

APPAR-ENTLY, RYOU-SUKE GOES TO HER WORK-PLACE.

NO WAY!!!

AND HE REQUESTED A BUNNY GIRL OUTFIT.

WHAT THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING!!?

I'M CURRENTLY AT SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

I'M HAVING TWO ACQUAINTANCES WHO WERE DOING CLUB ACTIVITIES HELP ME OUT...

...AND WE'RE GOING TO WALK AROUND THE SCHOOL.

KOTSU CLACK

KOTSU

KOTSU

Ken-san

Sub: About the next story

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK. THIS IS YUMENO.

I'M LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR MY HORROR STORY.

SCHOOL AT NIGHT...

MANLY SUZUKI...

FRIGHTENED MAMIKO...

THIS IS THE VERY EPITOME OF SUMMER-TIME!!!

...BUT, KEN-SAN, I...

NOT SCARED

NOT SCARED

...CHOSE...

NOT SCARED

...THE WRONG PEOPLE.

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...AND SO...

...NOW...

...WE'RE GOING TO START OUR "TRIP AROUND THE SCHOOL TO TEST OUR COURAGE."

FIRST OFF, LET'S DECIDE WHO'S GOING TO BE SCARED.

ANY TAKERS?

THIS IS TOTALLY FAKE RIGHT FROM THE START, ISN'T IT?

CAST

- Heroine → The frightened one
- Hero → The protector
- Foil ↳ Interfere in the proper way, like protecting or hitting on the heroine, or picking fights with or helping the hero

  Also other various tasks

BY THE WAY...

...THESE ARE THE THREE ROLES.

THAT FOIL ROLE SOUNDS LIKE THE BUSIEST ONE OF ALL.

AND ANYONE WHO SAYS SOMETHING PARTICULARLY GOOD GETS BONUS POINTS!

- I wanna use that!! ...5P
- That's kinda good.! ...3P
- Not a bad point of view.☆ ...1P

SEE THIS SHEET!!

YOU REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE HORROR AT ALL, DO YOU?

THE ACTORS

HMM ...?
A SCARED GIRL, HUH ...?
...OKAY, THEN, EXCUSE ME...
THE FRIGHTENED ONE: KASHIMA
SU (GRAB)

KASHIMA... YOU CAN DO IT WHEN YOU TRY!!!
!!!
300!!♡
BURI (GIRLIE)
IF I GET SCARED ...
...CAN I HOLD ON HERE...?

I SAID I DIDN'T WANT TOOO !!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID WE SHOULD GO IN!!!
WHOA!
STOP IT! DON'T PUSH!
GUI (PUSH)
GUI
HURRY UP AND GO!
DON'T STOP !!!
NOOO !

I DON'T NEED THAT SORT OF REALITY.
AND DON'T GO ALONG WITH HER, SENPA!!
YEAH, THEY DO.
AND THEN, THEY GET IN FIGHTS AT THE ENTRANCE.
THIS IS PRETTY MUCH HOW IT GOES AT HAUNTED HOUSES.

THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR YOU TO SHOW HIM THE APPEAL OF HIS ADOR-ABLE KOUHAI !!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
HUH !?
AND REALLY, KASHIMA!!! WHAT IS WITH YOU!!?

ARE YOU FOR REAL !!?
WHAAA!!!?
SENPAI SHOULD BE WEAK TO THAT KIND OF THING ...!!!
HA-HA-HA-HA. YOU'RE ADOR-ABLE!
SENPAAAAI.
THE TIMID GIRL HIDING BEHIND HIM...

.....

NEITHER ONE OF YOU IS ADOR-ABLE!!!
AND DON'T CROUCH DOWN!!!

THE FRIGHTENED ONE: NOZAKI

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

THEN I'LL TAKE ON THE ROLE OF THE HEROINE.

OKAY, I GET IT.

WELL...

...HE IS A PRO...

CALL ME UMEKO!

NO MAN KNOWS THE FEMALE HEART LIKE I DO!

NEVER FEAR.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD LET SENPA DO IT..

HUH...?

YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT...?

UGH!

I WANT TO GO!!!

YOU CAN SAY LET'S HOLD OUT A LITTLE LONGER, YOU KNOW!!!

Can I hold on to you...?

TURN ME DOWN, OF COURSE.

YOU'D NEVER.

KYAA, I'M SCAAARED!

YOU'LL GET LOTS OF POINTS!!

IF YOU COME RIGHT AWAY..

.....

UMEKO'S REALLY ANNOYING...

I'M NOT GOING TO BE SWAYED SO EASILY THOUGH!!!

BUN

BUN (SHAKE)

HA HA HA HA HA!

YOU'RE SCARED OF THE DARK? YOU'RE SO ADORABLE, UMEKO.

KYAA! I'M SCARED!

THEY TRIED IT ANY-WAY.

HUH ...?

THIS FEEL-ING...

...

I'll change that heart pounding to a different sort of excite-ment.

But it's all right. Just hold on to my hand, okay?

...BUT I'LL CALL YOU THAT, JUST FOR TODAY.

I HATE TO DO THIS...

?

IT'S A BIT LATE NOW, BUT I THINK I CAN USE HER AS A REFER-ENCE FOR SUZUKI...

ZUUUN (GLOOM)

APPROVAL

AT LEAST REMEMBER MY NAME, UMEKO!

HEH!

APPROVAL

OKAY ...

... SUZUKI.

OVERLAPPING CHARACTERS

I HAVE TO DO IT TOO...?
WHAT A HASSLE..
YOU CAN PAT MY HEAD.!!
Mamiko
...YOU SHOULD BE FAWNING OVER ME LIKE A PROPER FOIL.
BY THE WAY, SEN-PAI...

ZA (WOOSH)
ダッ

ZUZAA (SCREECH)
ずざざ
BA (GRAB)
ばっ

...SU-ZUKI !!!
YOU'RE GET-TING IN THE WAY...
DAMN IT !!!

THE SEVEN MYSTERIES OF THE SCHOOL

YEAH!
PEOPLE SAY... MAYBE IT'S 'COS OF A GHOST.
THEY REALLY DO JUST FALL OVER ALL OF A SUDDEN!
OHH? FOR REAL?
APPAR-ENTLY, PEOPLE FAINT WHEN THEY WALK DOWN THIS HALLWAY.

SIGN: GLEE CLUB

SORDID AND PULPY

NAH, I'LL MAKE ONE UP RIGHT NOW.

DO YOU KNOW ANY?

SOME-THING SORDID AND PULPY...

TELLING SCARY STORIES WHILE WE WALK COULD WORK TOO.

NEVER MIND THAT.

I PUSHED THE DOOR OPEN WITH ALL MY MIGHT.

"WHO ...? WHO IS IT...?"

KATSU (CLACK)

カ KATSU カ KATSU カ

...AND THEN ... ...

THERE WAS A LOUD SLAM.

"WAIT...! I DECIDED I WAS GOING TO MOVE ON WITH TOMO-KUN...!!!"

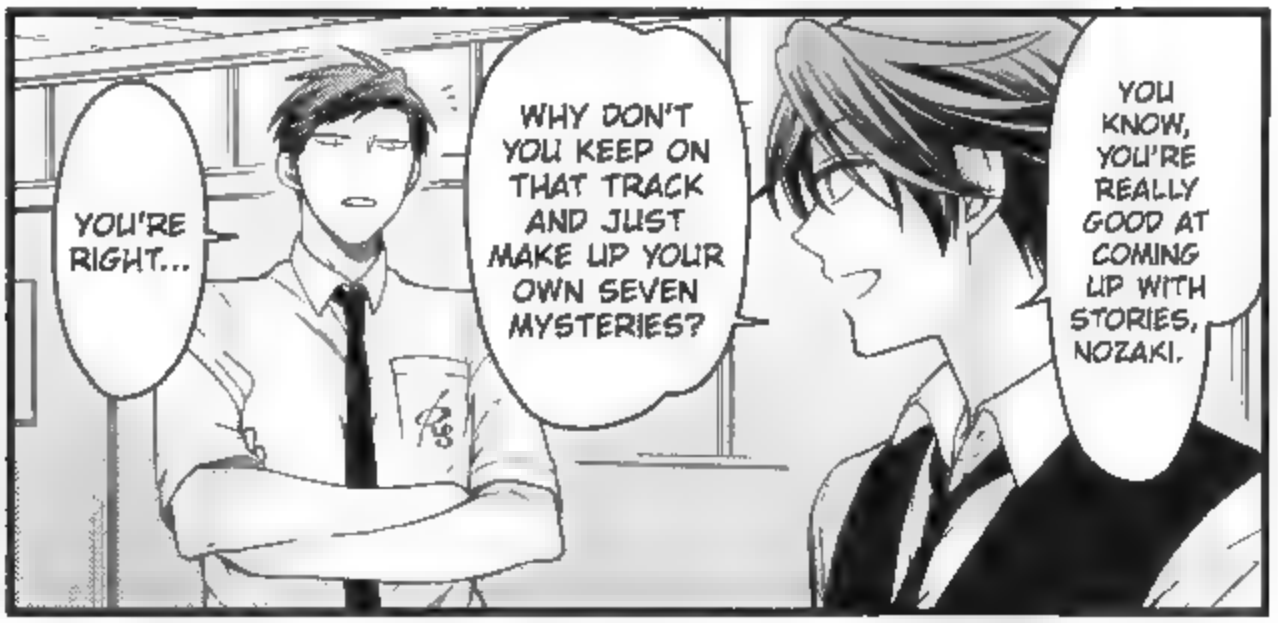
"I LOVE YOU!!" MAKOTO-KUN THE GHOST YELLED OUT.

IT'S PRETTY PULPY TOO...

HOW-MANY GUYS IS THAT?

IT'S DEFINITELY GOTTEN SORDID.

JUST THEN, MY FORMER LOVER TAKATSUKI-KUN APPEARED AND SAID, "DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT WE PROMISED ...?"


YOU'RE RIGHT...
WHY DON'T YOU KEEP ON THAT TRACK AND JUST MAKE UP YOUR OWN SEVEN MYSTERIES?
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT COMING UP WITH STORIES, NOZAKI.

BUT ONE DAY...
...SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH TAROU-SAN FROM THE BOYS' BATHROOM AND FOUND HAPPINESS ...
RUMOR HAS IT THERE'S A HANAKO-SAN IN THIS BATHROOM.

BUT ONE DAY...
...IT GOT A LOVE LETTER SAYING, "I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL MUSIC"...
ボロロン (DADADUUM)
THERE'S AN EVIL SPIRIT HAUNTING THIS MUSIC ROOM.

...THESE SEVEN MYSTERIES AND THEIR HAPPY ENDINGS ...?
WHAT IS WITH...
FLOWERS CAME TO THE GYM EVERY NIGHT...
...AND HE PICKED HIS BALL BACK UP AND RAN TO HER.

UH...
WHO KNOWS ...?
...I CAN DRAW SOMETHING GOOD!!
I THINK...
SO WHAT DID NOZAKI WANT TO DO IN THE END?
IT JUST ...DOESN'T SIT RIGHT.
HE LEFT LOOKING PRETTY SATISFIED..

REALLY!?
I WANNA HEAR IT!!
I'LL TELL YOU MY BEST GHOST STORY!
HUH?
THEN...
...WANT TO GIVE THE TEST OF COURAGE ANOTHER GO?

...it's about that adorable kouhai appeal that you were talking about earlier.
OH...
Well ...
HUH?
HORI-SEN-PAI?
WHAT IS-IT?
PURURURU (PRRR)
GACHA (CLICK)
ガチャッ

Huh?
BFFFT! KUH KUH...
IT COULD WORK IF THEY'RE ACTUALLY SCARED, YOU KNOW.

SO, DID YOU GET ANY IDEAS FROM BEING AT SCHOOL AT NIGHT?
WELL ...
...I THINK I'M GOING TO GIVE UP ON THIS IDEA IN THE END...
HUH?

I DID DRAW IT!!!
I HAVE AN IDEA !!!
I EVEN MADE UP SEVEN MYSTERIES!!!
BUT !!!

I'M GOING TO BE THE ONE HE PATS ON THE HEAD!!
SU-ZUKI-KUN!?
I CAN'T STAND SUZUKI-KUN ANY-MORE...
HMPH!
I'LL HAVE TO FIND A BETTER MAN...
THE END
SUCKS TO BE YOU, MAMIKO !!!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
THAT'S SO CRUEL !!!

I'M SUCH A WIMP!!
THE FOIL STOLE SUZUKI !!!
...AND BECOME EVEN STRONGER..
I'LL OVERCOME MY SADNESS...
ドンッ
DAN (BAM)

...BUT TODAY, I'M GOING TO SCARE YOU, SENPAI!
WITH MY ACTING ABILITY!!!
COMPLETE COLLECTION OF HORROR
YOU MAY HAVE BEATEN ME YESTERDAY WITH A SURPRISE ATTACK...
I'LL FIGHT RIGHT BACK!
I'M GONNA READ THIS WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!!!
GHOST STORIES
BRING IT, KASHIMA!
STOP!!!

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NOZAKI GOT TO A STOPPING POINT WITH WORK...

...I SHOULD GO SHOW MY FACE AT HOME. EVERY NOW AND THEN ...

IT IS TECHNICALLY SUMMER VACATION.

...IT'S BEEN SIX DAYS SINCE HE SAID THAT AND LEFT FOR HOME.

SAKURA IS SO DOWN IN THE DUMPS THAT IT'S SCARY.

DOYOOOO (GLOOOOM)

H—

HEY, YOU OKAY ...?

NOZAKI'S A REALLY LUCKY GUY TO HAVE HER THINKING OF HIM THAT MUCH.

NOZAKI-KUN. NOZAKI-KUN.

NOZAKI-KUN.

O—

OH...

BUTSU (MUTTER)

BUTSU

BUTSU

...SO I CAN FEEL LIKE NOZAKI-KUN IS NEARBY...

YEAH...I FIGURED I CAN AT LEAST READ *LET'S FALL IN LOVE* ♡ ...

BOOK: LET'S FALL...

ISN'T SHE JUST READING IT LIKE NORMAL?

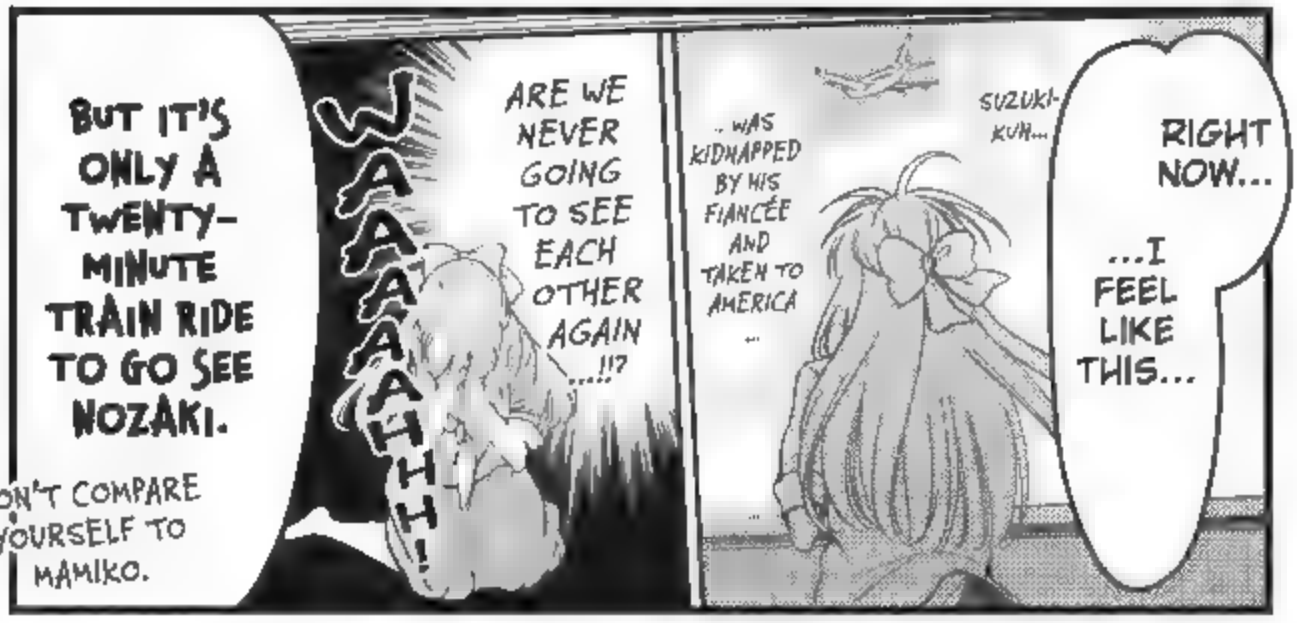
MAMIKO ...!!

JIWA (TEARY)

.....!

CITATION MISTAKE

DOES LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ EVEN HAVE PLACES THAT WOULD MAKE YOU CRY?
?
BA (WHIP)
RIGHT HERE!
WHERE MAMIKO AND SUZUKI ARE FORCED APART!!!


RIGHT NOW... ...I FEEL LIKE THIS...
SUZUKI-KUN...
..WAS KIDNAPPED BY HIS FIANCÉE AND TAKEN TO AMERICA ...
ARE WE NEVER GOING TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN ....!!?
WAAAAHH!
BUT IT'S ONLY A TWENTY-MINUTE TRAIN RIDE TO GO SEE NOZAKI.
DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO MAMIKO.

PURURURURU (PRRRR)

7O

IL IL IL...

SHE'S HOPE-LESS...

I SCREWED UUUUUUUUP!

HMM? WHAT IS IT, MIKO-SHIBA?

...WELL, I'M PLANNING ON STAYING A LITTLE LONGER ...

HUH?

HOME-WORK? TO-GETHER?

...SURE, COME ON OVER TOMOR-ROW.

HE SAID TO BRING OUR HOMEWORK TOMORROW.

SA-KURA ...

...WE'RE GOING TO NOZAKI'S PLACE.

MIKO-RIN ...!!!

!!!

BA (WHAP)

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I'M SO HAPPY!!

IT'S WEIRD...

MY TEARS WERE SO COLD UNTIL JUST NOW...

...BUT NOW THEY'RE SO WARM...

ENOUGH WITH THE MAMIKO !!!

THE RESULTS OF HER SIMULATIONS

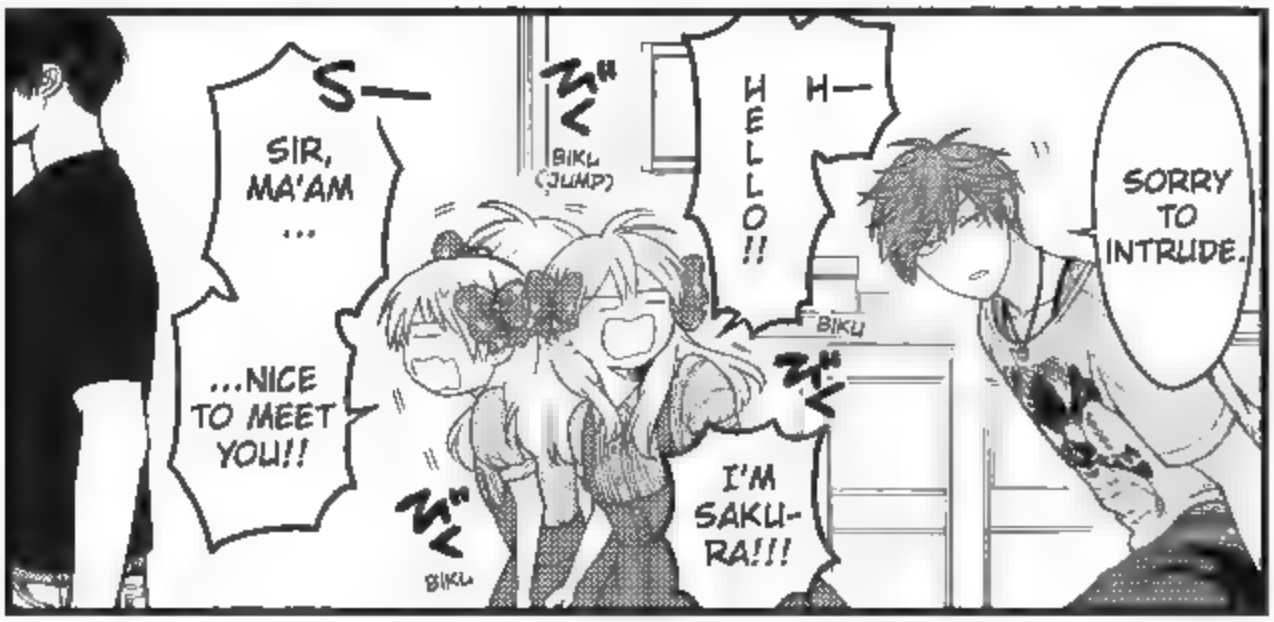
YOU'VE NEVER MET THEM, SO INTRODUCE YOURSELF...
...AND SAY "NICE TO MEET YOU."
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY IF ONE OF HIS FAMILY ANSWERS!?
WAIT !!!
PINPOOON (DING-DOONG)
ENOUGH ALREADY. I'M RINGING IT.

WELL, JUST GREET HIM LIKE USUAL!
WHAT DO I SAY IF NOZAKI-KUN ANSWERS !!?

GACHA (KACHAK)
カチャッ!!
YEAH?

MIKO-RIIIIIN !!!
NICE T—!
H-HEL—

THAT'S JUST HOW HE IS



UMETAROU
!!!
THIS IS NII-SAN'S ROOM.

I've really missed you, Nozaki-kun!
It's been so long!
BUWA (TEARY)
No-zaki-kun.
Nozaki-kun, Nozaki-kun!!!

SHE'S RELIEVED, SO EVERY-THING'S HANGING OUT.
YEAH, I GUESS SO.
...SHE'S REALLY PASSION-ATE.
BILL (WAIL)
NOZAKI-KUN!
NOZAKI-KUN!
NOZAKI-KUN!

HURRY UP AND TELL HER THAT.
SHE'S NOT ALL THAT BRIGHT.
...WHILE YOU WERE GONE...
...NOZAKI-KUN, UM...
...YOU KNOW...
BUT NII-SAN WENT TO THE CON-VENIENCE STORE TO GET SNACKS ...

RIGHT TO THE HEART OF IT!!?
HUH!?
CHIYO-SAN, DO YOU LIKE NII-SAN?
... HUH ... THEN ...
NOT ONLY ARE YOU EXPRESSION-LESS, BUT YOU'RE SCARY TOO, SO JUST SAY SOME-THING.
REALLY, DON'T TELL HIM!!!
OKAY.
...BUT DON'T TELL HIM!!!
OKAY.
U-UM... I—! I DO LIKE HIM...
AHHH!
OKAY YOU WILL.
BUT IF YOU JUST KIND OF LET IT SLIP...!
NO! I HAVE TO ACTUALLY SAY IT MYSELF.
OKAY. I'LL TELL HIM.
OH!
BUT IF YOU JUST KIND OF HINT...!
OKAY, MY BAD.
DON'T MAKE THAT FACE.

I'M GONNA GO.

PEKO (BOW)

OH! I'VE GOT TO HIT THE BATHROOM.

GUN (FWOOSH)

WAIT!

...DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE... PLEASE ...

GUGU (PULL)

GUGU...

SAKU-RA...?

OH... SHE'S BEEN SO NERVOUS ALL THIS TIME THAT NOW SHE'S WOR-RIED...

YEAH, YEAH. WE'LL STAY WITH YOU.

REALLY!? GOOD!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO IF YOU LEAVE ME ALONE.

YOU HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME!!!

SOWA (NERVOUS)

SOWA

SOWA

I COULD MAKE A DIVE FOR THE BED!!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WE HAVE TO BE WORRIED ABOUT...?

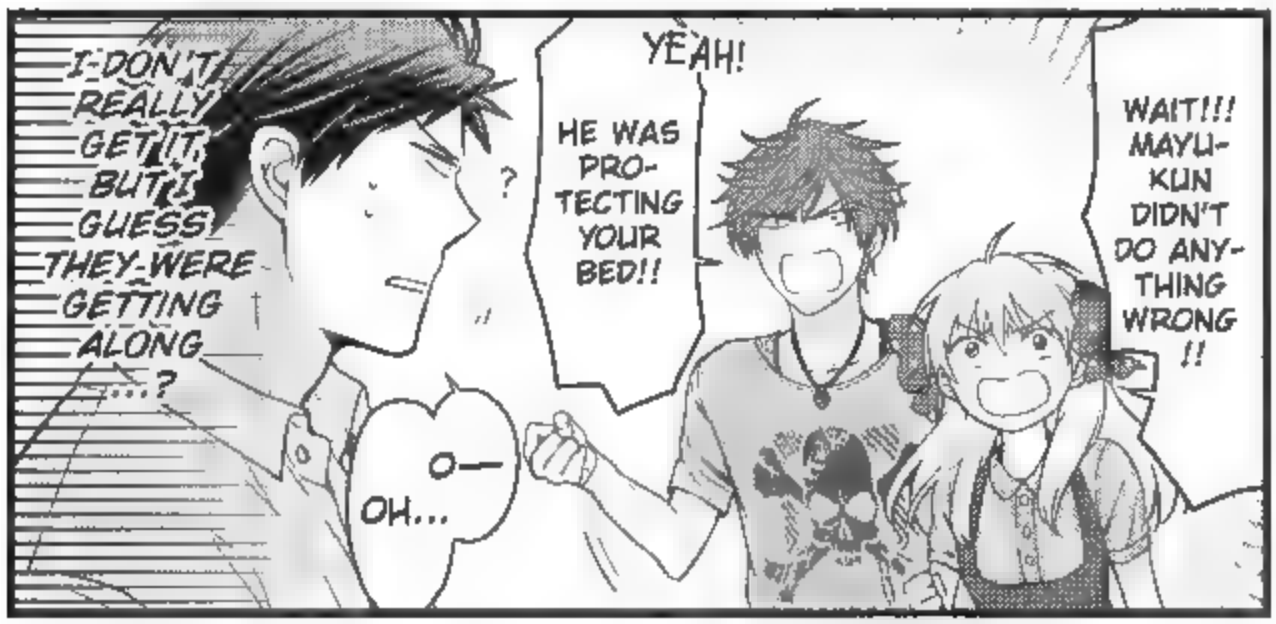
I'M BACK!
OH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I WAS OUT GETTING SOME SNACKS, AND THAT HELD ME UP.

NOZAKI-KUN!!!
NOZAKI !!!
GATAN (CLATTER)
ガタ〜ン

NOZA-KIII!!!
WAH!
HUH?
IT'S ONLY BEEN A COUPLE OF DAYS. ISN'T THIS A BIT MUCH...?

I'M SO RELIEVED!!! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU'D COME BACK ANY LATER !!!
WAAA AAAH!
IT WAS SOOO HARD!!!
AND SOME-TIMES, MAYU WAS SLACKING OFF!
I CAN'T STOP HER BY MYSELF ANY-MORE!
WHAT THE HECK WAS GOING ON HERE AT MY PLACE ...!?

THAT'S RUDE WHEN WE HAVE GUESTS, YOU KNOW.
WHAT'S GOING ON, MAYU!!?
WAIT!
BIKU (FLINCH)
I'LL MAKE SOME TEA...


I-DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT I GUESS THEY WERE GETTING ALONG ...?
YEAH!
HE WAS PRO-TECTING YOUR BED!!
WAIT!!! MAYU-KUN DIDN'T DO ANY-THING WRONG !!
O—
OH...

HUH...? WHAT?
YOU WERE HOLD-ING IT...?
YOU'RE RIGHT!!!
OH!
NOW YOU CAN FINALLY GO TO THE BATHROOM, MIKOTO-SAN.
おっ
(MUKU SIT)

YOU GUYS WERE GETTING ALONG THAT WELL !!?
REALLY!
WELL ...
...WE COULDN'T ALL GO IN, RIGHT?

A SIGN OF BEING CLOSE?

SO, WHAT DID YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT?

...THAT MY LOVE WILL GET OUT OF CONTROL ...
STILL... SOME-TIMES, I'M SCARED ...
GEEZ! G— STOP IT!
YOU REALLY LIKE SUZUKI-KUN, DON'T YOU?
GU (FWISH)

THIS IS...
TH—
1

BOOK: LET'S.

IT'S A TYPO !!!
...I WANT TO MAKE YOUR BALLS MINE...
SUSUKI-KUN...

STOPPED JUST BEFORE IT

THE UPS AND DOWNS WERE JUST TOO MUCH FOR HER, AND SHE RAN OUT OF STEAM IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS.

ぐったり…
GUTTARI (EXHAUSTED)

HOW DO WE GET HER BACK UP AGAIN?

WELL...

...SHE'LL PROBABLY SPRING BACK IF YOU START TELLING INTERESTING STORIES ABOUT YOUR BROTHER, I GUESS?

ABOUT NII-SAN...?

UMM...

NII-SAN USED TO PLAY BASEBALL, AND IN THIS ONE GAME...

OH.

IT'S A LONG STORY, SO LET'S NOT DO THAT ONE.

PIKU (TWITCH)
ぴくっ

PIKU
ぴくっ

PIKU
ぴくっ

THIS ONE TIME IN JUNIOR HIGH, ON VALENTINE'S DAY, HE...

OH.

THAT ONE'S LONG TOO...

YOU'RE DOING THAT ON PURPOSE, AREN'T YOU?

YOU GOT REALLY PRAGMATIC ALL OF A SUDDEN.

WELL, IT'S ALL GOOD...

MAYBE IF WE WOO HER WITH THINGS...

POI

HERE'S A SCARF THAT WAS IN HIS CLOSET.

POI

THIS IS THE FIRST LITTLE POUCH HE EVER MADE.

POI

THIS IS A PHOTO ALBUM FROM WHEN NOZAKI WAS LITTLE.

POI (TOSS)

THIS IS A KEY CHAIN THAT NII-SAN USED.

SHIKKARI (CLUTCH)

JUST GET UP!

UHHH...

I think I'll feel better if you can find the second button from his junior high uniform...

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NOZAKI-SENPAI CAME TO VISIT THE BASKET-BALL TEAM.

...IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I...

...GOT TO SIT NEXT TO YOU LIKE THIS.

BUT WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY COME TO PRACTICE?

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE NICE TO DO A TEAM MANGA EVERY NOW AND THEN.

THIS IS FOR REFERENCE.

...AM I IN THE WAY?

NO... .....

I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU TO COME, AFTER ALL.

I REALLY AM GLAD THAT YOU'RE INTER-ESTED IN BASKET-BALL AGAIN.

PHI (PWEEE)

IT'S JUST ... ... JUST ...

NICE SHOT, WADA-KUN !!!

KYAAAAAA!

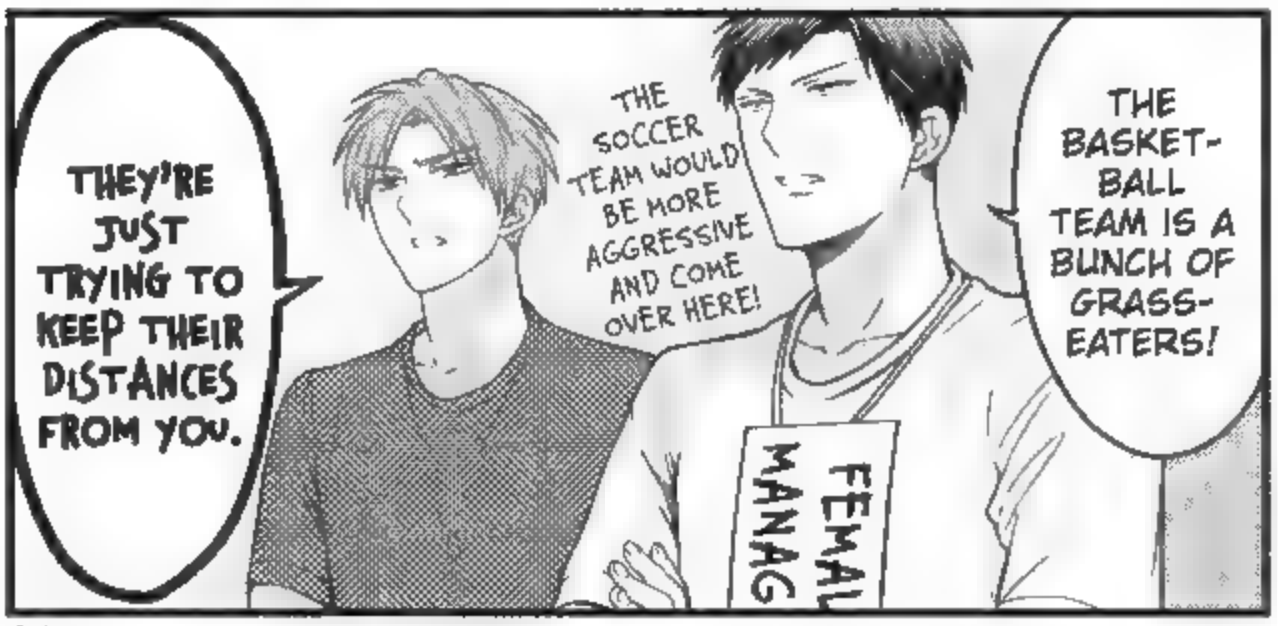
FEMALE MANAGER

NOT LIKE THIS !!!

SO...
...WHAT DO YOU THINK NOW THAT YOU'RE THE FEMALE MANAGER?
HUH...
THE HEROINE OF A TEAM MANGA IS THE MANAGER!
I CAN'T HELP IT.
THIS TEAM DOESN'T HAVE A FEMALE MANAGER.

CHIRA
CHIRA
CHIRA (GLANCE)
SL (FWISH)
WELL...

YOU GO!
NO, YOU!!
SHOULD I GO SAY SOME-THING...?
I WANNA FOCUS ON THE GAME, BUT I JUST KEEP LOOKING!!
CHIRA
HEY, LOOK AT THAT!
IT'S THE MANAGER!


THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO KEEP THEIR DISTANCES FROM YOU.
THE SOCCER TEAM WOULD BE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND COME OVER HERE!
THE BASKET-BALL TEAM IS A BUNCH OF GRASS-EATERS!

WHAT HAS HE BEEN WRITING ALL THIS TIME...?

?

SHAKA (SKRITCH)

STILL, I HAVEN'T WATCHED A GAME LIKE THIS IN A LONG WHILE.

SHAKA

SHAKA

!!

...DATA ON THE PLAYERS !!?

THAT'S...

•Takeda (#7)

•Mukai (#5)

HE... REALLY IS STILL INTERESTED IN BASKET-BALL...

SO DETAILED ...!!!

SHAKA

SHAKA

SHAKA

THE INFO'S ABOUT PER-SONAL-ITY AND WEAK-NESSES.

AND THEIR PLAY STYLES ...!!?

I WAS WRONG !!!

Takeda (#7)

- Personality
  Totally direct when he falls in love!
- Weaknesses
  Doesn't really do well with strong-willed girls
- Play style
  Looking to slide from close friends to going out

Pale hair

COME SEE MY GAME!

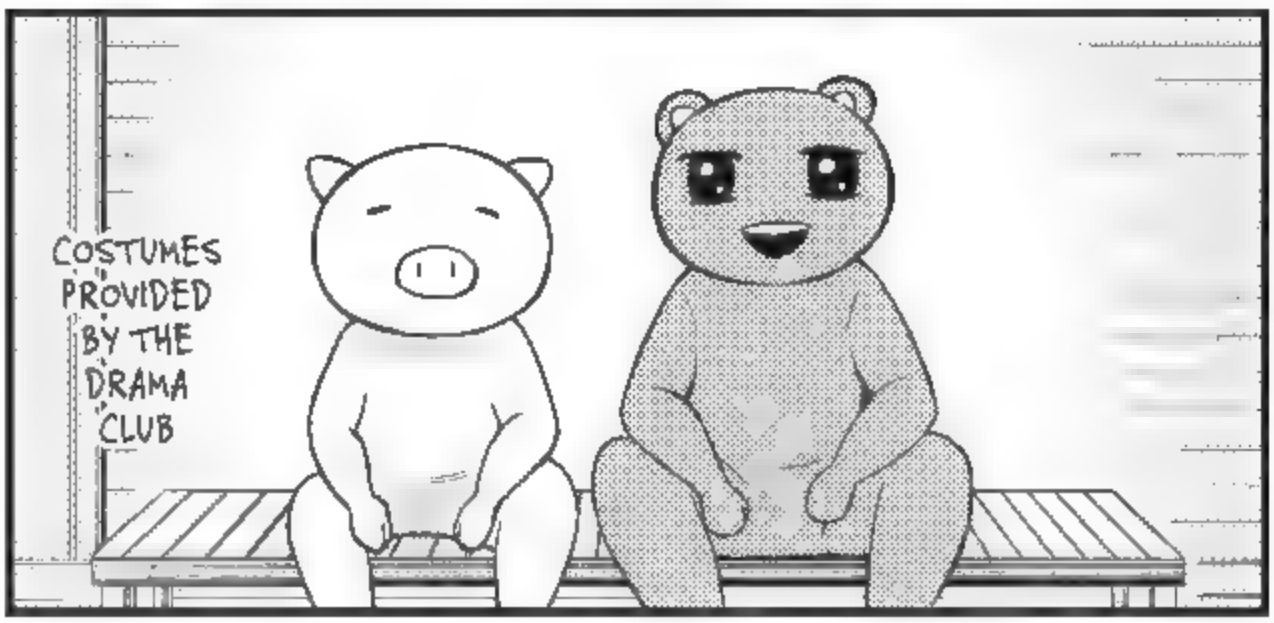
CHEERING THEM ON

REALLY, WAKA? YOU GUYS WANT A GIRL MANAG-ER?
UGH. SEO.
FEMALE MANAGER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...
...NO-ZAKI?
HMM.
.....
OH! BUT YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND CHEER IF YOU WANT.
NO. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
THERE'S A STORY BEHIND THIS...

I DUNNO! DUNNO, BUT...
SHE'S NOT GONNA TRY TO BE A MAN-AGER TOO, IS SHE!?
COME ON, GO! GET THEM!
FEMALE MANAGER
RUN FOR IT!
SEO SAT DOWN ON THE BENCH!?
HEY, LOOK!
ZAWA (CLAMOR)
SHE'S JUST HECK-LING!!!
HE'S SCARED! HIT HIM!
FALL BACK, TANAKA! TRIP HIM!

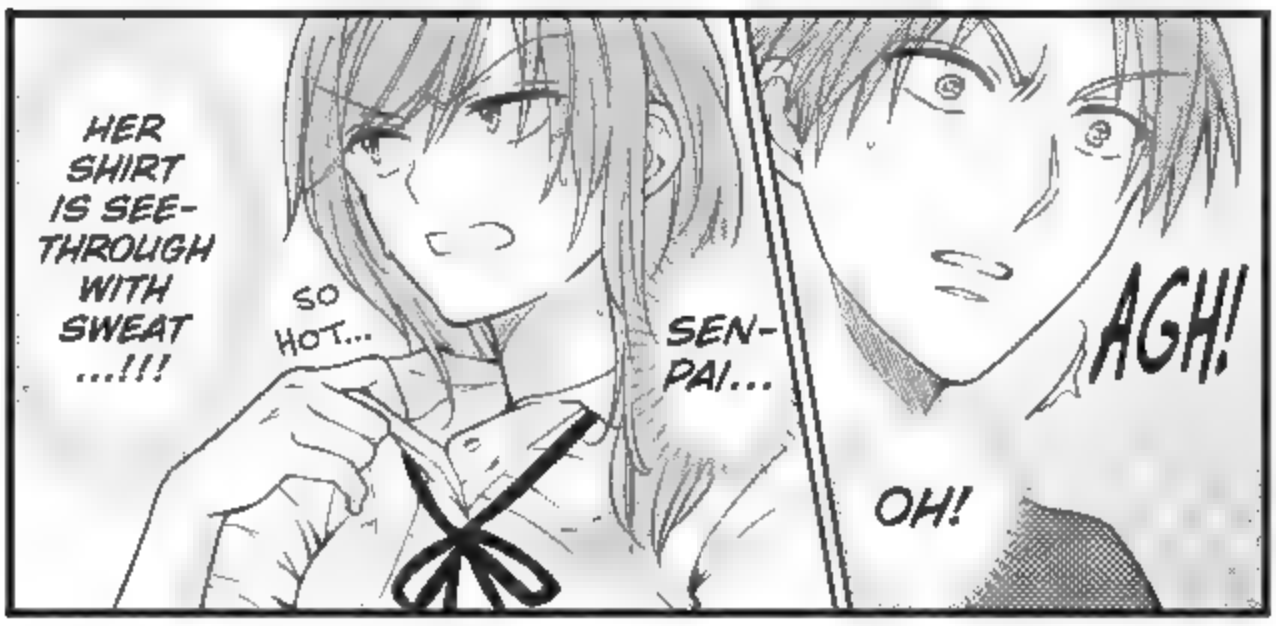
OKAY!!
THEY'RE JUST TOO INTIMI-DATING!!
GO TELL THEM TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT!!!
HEY, WAKA-MATSU.
BUT, REALLY, SEO AND A HUGE GUY?
THAT'S NOT COMFORTING AT ALL!!!

JUST THIS ONE TIME.
OH WELL.
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU GUYS WANT FROM YOUR MANAGER?
COM-FORT-ING?
AND THEY'RE FEELING INTIMI-DATED
UM...LOOKS LIKE THEY WANT SOMETHING MORE COMFORT-ING.

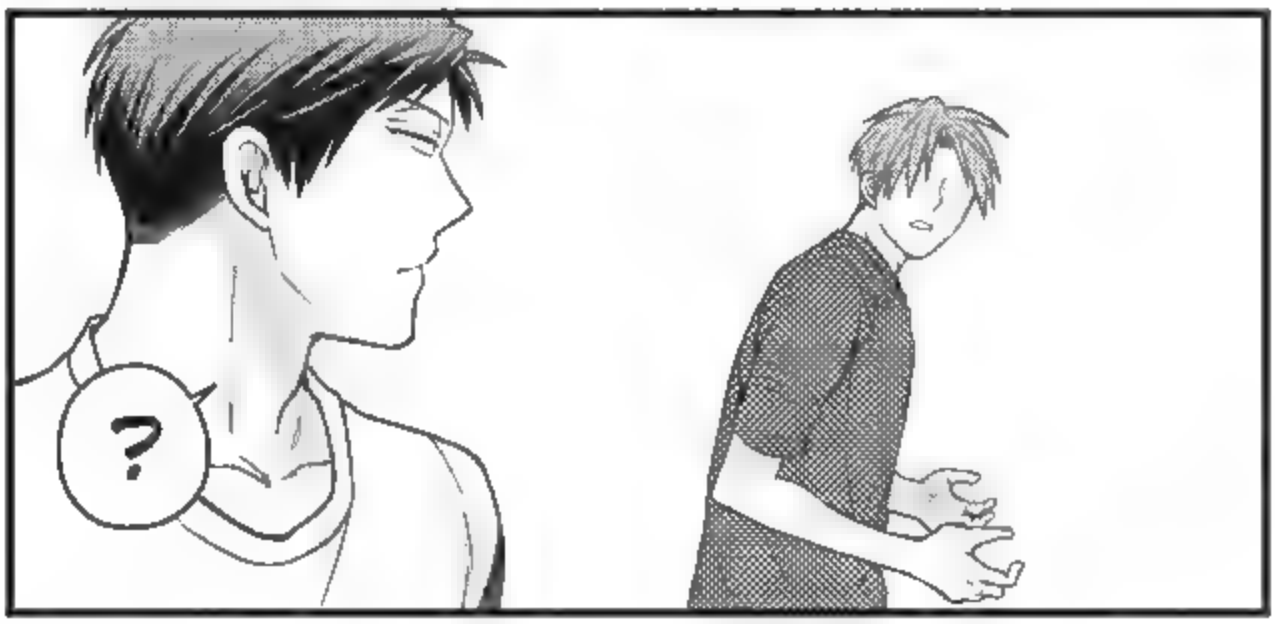

COSTUMES PROVIDED BY THE DRAMA CLUB

MOZO
MOZO (SNUGGLE)
THEY'RE DRINKING WATER...
LOOK!
THEY'VE GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN'T JUST IGNORE IT!!!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE !!!
HEY!
DON'T LOOK AWAY !!!

YOU TWO MAKE THE WORST PAIR EVER.
THESE REALLY REEK, YOU KNOW!
TAKE A WHIFF.
WE WERE JUST BEING PASSION-ATE, BUT THEY TOLD US TO TAKE THEM OFF. WHAT'S WITH THAT?


HER SHIRT IS SEE-THROUGH WITH SWEAT ...!!!
SO HOT...
SEN-PAI...
AGH!
OH!

FOR REAL?
SEO, I CAN SEE YOUR BRA.
GUESS I'LL GO CHANGE.
WOULDN'T SAYING SOME-THING LIKE THAT BE SEXUAL HARASS-MENT...?
BUT HOW DO I SAY IT!?
I SHOULD TELL HER!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...THEY CLEAN UP, DO THE LAUNDRY, KEEP SCORE...
WELL ...
?
SO, WHAT DO MANAGERS DO ANY-WAY?

...WANT TO BE THE MANAGER "
I...
...'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
IF YOU CAN PASS MY TEST...
IN A MANGA, WOULDN'T A MAN-AGER HAVE TO CLEAR SOME SORT OF HURDLE BEFORE SHE COULD DO IT!?
ARGH!
WAIT A SEC!

HUH...?
A TEST? BUT, WELL...
SO, LET US TAKE A TEST.

SOMEONE WHO CAN DO THAT WOULDN'T BE A MANAGER!
THEY'D BE ON THE TEAM.
WHAT IF I CAN GET THE BALL FROM EVERYONE ON THE TEAM?
HOW ABOUT IF I CAN SCORE A POINT ON ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM?

SHE'S HELPING A LITTLE

WAKA-MATSU!
INCOM-ING!!
HARA (NERVOUS)
GOT IT.
OKAY, THEN. NOW YOU CAN CHEER ON THE PLAYERS AND GIVE FIRST AID WHEN THEY GET HURT.
HARA
... ARE THEY ... REALLY GONNA BE OKAY ...?

HUH?
WAKA-MATSU-UUU!!?
GO (THWACK)

GATA (CLATTER)
BA (WHAP)
BATAAAN (THUD)
HEY! YOU TWO OVER THERE !!!
GOT IT!!

NOT THE CHEERING !!!
GET A STRETCHER!!!
NICE SHOT !!!

AS THANKS FOR THE FIRST AID

OWW...

HUH ...?

I... ...GOT HIT WITH THE BALL, RIGHT...?

ALL YOU NEEDED WAS A COMPRESS.

がば GABA (JUMP)

SEO-SEN-PAI!?

HMM? I FIXED YOU UP, SO YOU CAN AT LEAST SAY "THANKS."

WHAA —!?

SENPAI'S... ACTUALLY PRETTY NICE...

TH—

THANK YOU.

UM... IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU...

Then go get hurt so I can wrap you in bandages!

I REALLY WANNA WRAP SOMEONE UP WITH THESE!!!

ﾌﾘｯ BI (FWIP)

ARE YOU TELLING ME TO GET DRENCHED IN BLOOD!!?

GUTTAR (EXHAUSTED)
くぅ〜たー…

SORRY ABOUT THAT, WAKA-MATSU.

I'M EVEN MORE TIRED THAN USUAL...

SEO-SENPAI ENDED UP STORMING THE COURT IN THE END...

I GUESS SHE REALLY DOES HAVE A NICE SIDE TO HER.

...SEO IS SEO.

WAKA-MATSU ...

STILL, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE ACTUALLY FIXED ME UP LIKE THAT.

PERI (PEEL)

WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT?

...SEO IS SEO.

OH.

AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF IDEAS

THIS IS MY CHANCE TO SECRETLY GET BACK AT HER FOR THE OTHER DAY!!!

ZZZ

KYURON (POP)

REALLY !?

OH! SEO'S ASLEEP, WAKA-MATSU !!

UHH...NOTHING REALLY COMES TO MIND...A MARKER... SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH A MARKER...

...

OKAY, WHAT SHOULD I WRITE ...?

KYU (SQUEAK)

Taichi Niiyama

DOKIN (BADUM)

THEN, ME TOO...!?

HUH ...!?

I...

...WRITE MY NAME ON THINGS THAT ARE MINE!

AH! WHAT !?

I ONLY EVER USE MAGIC MARKERS TO WRITE MY NAME!!!

NO !!! I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT !!!

WHAT'S WRONG, WAKA-MATSU !!?

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT MARKERS!?

WAKA DID THIS!

I KNOW!

WHO ELSE WOULD IT BE?

PIN (DING)

IT'S WRITTEN RIGHT THERE.

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GIRLS' ROMANCE
WHAT I LIKE
THEME
Twelve promising new authors drew it!!
Yukari Miyako
Spin-off story!
"A Day in the Life of Tanuki-san"
He went to an idol's concert.
The hottest guy right now
Special Collection!
MITSUYA MAENO
POPULAR AND CUTE
EXTRA
TANUKI-SAN NOTEBOOK
LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡
SPECIAL EDITION
Super-Popular Story
SAKIKO YUMENO
Suzuki-kun's unknown past ! The story of Suzuki-kun three months after his birth. ♡

I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN HIM WITH HIS CLASS-MATES IN A LONG TIME...
OH!
IT'S NOZAKI-KUN.

CAN WE COME OVER TOMORROW AFTER SCHOOL?
OH YEAH. YOU LIVE ALONE, DON'T YOU, NOZAKI?
MUST BE NICE TO BE SO CLOSE...
I BET HE'S TALKING ABOUT THINGS THAT I DON'T REALLY KNOW ABOUT.

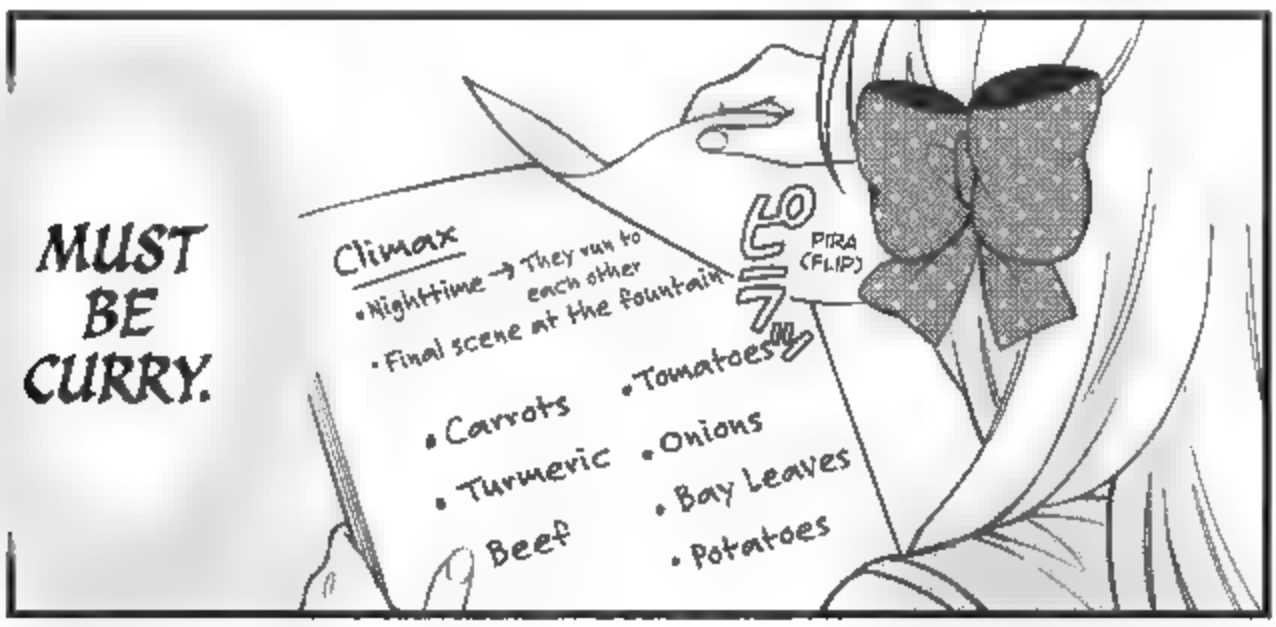
EFFECTS
BACK-GROUNDS
TONE
MUST BE MIKORIN, HORI-SENPAI, OR WAKA-MATSU-KUN.
SOME-ONE CLOSER TO YOU THAN US?
AWWW! WHO IS IT?
SO NO.
I HAVE SOMEONE COMING TOMOR-ROW.

Must be Ken-san...
WHA —!?
HUH?
SOMEONE WHO CAN SOOTHE MY WOUNDED HEART.
...I GUESS.

IT'S OKAY! I DON'T HAVE CLUB TODAY!
SORRY ABOUT THIS.
MAKING YOU HELP.
SO ... ...I GUESS WE'RE CLEANING UP TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMOR-ROW.

THE REJECTED DRAFTS AND MEMOS WITH IDEAS PILE UP PRETTY QUICKLY.
THIS ONE TOO.
GAGAGAGAGAGA CHHHRRRRRRR
...IS PRETTY MUCH ALL PAPER, ISN'T IT?
STILL, YOUR TRASH ...
IN CHARGE OF THE SHREDDER

SO YOU MAKE MEMOS FOR YOURSELF SO YOU DON'T FORGET!?
Mamiko ⟹ Suzuki
Misunderstanding
"I just can't trust Suzuki-kun anymore...!"
Mamiko → Gets angry
Suzuki → Does something cool
BADUM!
I SEE...


MUST BE CURRY.
Climax
• Nighttime → They run to each other
• Final scene at the fountain
PIRA (FLIP)
• Carrots
• Tomatoes
• Turmeric
• Onions
• Bay Leaves
Beef
• Potatoes

THE BIGGEST BARRIER

THAT'S ...
...A REJECTED DRAFT I DREW FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE ONCE.
OH.
A ONE-SHOT?
HUH?
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN THIS STORY BEFORE.

ALL RIGHT!
PUBLISHED.
THE EDITORS DECIDE.
DRAFT COMPETITION
LOTS OF DRAFTS
WHEN YOU'RE JUST STARTING OUT, YOU HAVE TO FIGHT REALLY HARD TO GET INTO ONE...
YEAH, YEAH.
THOSE ARE THE MAGAZINES WITH ALL SORTS OF SHORT STORIES IN THEM, RIGHT?
A SPECIAL ISSUE?
REALLY THICK!

MAGAZINE: GIRLS' ROMANCE

HE MUST HAVE HAD SOME SORT OF DISAP-POINT-MENT...
YEAH ...
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO REMEMBER THOSE DAYS...
LIKE A PRO...!
OH...! SO YOU ONLY GOT TO BE WHERE YOU ARE AFTER WORKING YOUR WAY UP...!

IT WAS SO TOUGH ...!!!
WHOOPS!
AND SOOO...YOU LISTENING? HUH? I'VE BEEN TALKING FOR THREE HOURS? NO WAAAAY!
I FORGOT TO TURN IN YOUR DRAFT! ☆
GERA (CACKLE)
GERA
GERA
...BE MODELED AFTER ME?
COULD THIS HERO...
...I HAD FOR DINNER LAST NIGHT? PASTA? OH, SO CLOSE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK...

THE THEME IS ○○

SPECIAL COLLECTION
RIVALS!!
LOVE Between Ranks
I wonder about that person sitting next to me
CLASS-MATES
LIKE THIS.
BY THE WAY, SOMETIMES, SPECIAL ISSUES HAVE A SET THEME TO THEM.

INDIVIDU-ALITY IS IMPOR-TANT!
EVERYONE WRITES STORIES ABOUT THE SAME THEME, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU CAN MAKE YOURS STAND OUT.
I GET IT!
THEN THIS DRAFT OF YOURS WAS ONE TOO...

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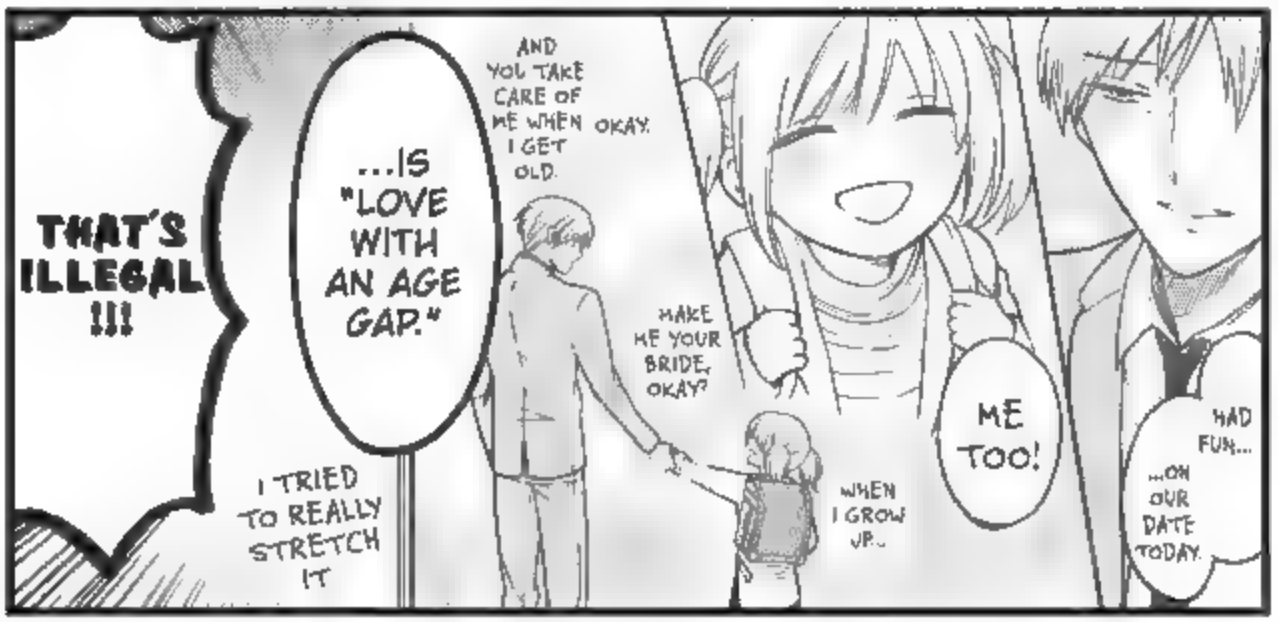
THAT'S ILLEGAL !!!
...IS "LOVE WITH AN AGE GAP."
I TRIED TO REALLY STRETCH IT
AND YOU TAKE CARE OF ME WHEN I GET OLD.
OKAY.
MAKE ME YOUR BRIDE, OKAY?
WHEN I GROW UP...
ME TOO!
HAD FUN... ...ON OUR DATE TODAY.

TECHNI-CALLY ...
...THIS IS A SHOUJO MANGA MAGAZINE, YOU KNOW.
THAT JUST WOULDN'T HAPPEN.
SAKU-RA...
ONE WHERE, EVERY-WHERE YOU LOOK, THERE'S TANUKI...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
...THEY DON'T HAVE ANY TANUKI COLLEC-TIONS, DO THEY?

MAGAZINE: SPECIAL GIRLS' ROMANCE

AH HA HA HA HA!
AW, COME ON!
I WON'T SAY THAT!
...I'LL STOP YOU WITH EVERY-THING I HAVE.
IF YOU SAY "TANUKI" ...
YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT?
THE GIRLS' ROMANCE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT
MIYAMAE-KUUUN! WE'RE GONNA BE DECIDING ON THE COL-LECTION THEME AT THE MEETING TODAY!

A HERO'S SPECS

Deciding on the collection theme

I KNOW !!!

BA (WHAP)

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WHAT SORT... ...OF THEME SHOULD WE GO WITH NEXT TIME?

OKAY, THEN! LET'S START THE MEET-ING.

I'VE ALWAYS HAD A PROBLEM WITH HOW THE HEROES IN SHOUJO MANGA ARE ALL SO POPULAR.

SO HOW ABOUT WE GO ALL-OUT WITH THE NEXT THEME ...

...AND MAKE IT A "PLAIN BOY" COLLEC-TION!?

SO IT'S GOT TO HAVE THAT, RIGHT!?

YEAH!

OH! THAT'S GOOD! PLAIN GUYS!

HUH ...!? LIKE THIS?

PLAIN ...!?

ARE THOSE GUYS REALLY ALL THAT PLAIN ...!?

DID I SURPRISE YOU?

YEAH!!

...BUT HE'S ACTUALLY THE PRESIDENT OF A HUGE, WORLD-FAMOUS COMPANY AND SUPER-RICH!

OR HE'S PLAIN ...

IT'S EMBARRASSING, SO I'M ONLY SHOWING THIS TO YOU...

HE'S PLAIN, BUT HE'S A PRETTY BOY WHEN HE PULLS HIS HAIR BACK!

SHE COMPROMISED

I LIKE THE GLOOMY ONES WITH GLASSES.

WANNA GO ON A DATE?

I REALLY LIKE CHEERFUL CHARACTERS WITH GLASSES!

OHH!

I'D LIKE TO DO A GLASSES COLLECTION!

LEAVE ME ALONE.

THERE'S NO FREEDOM IN THAT!!!

増刊 少女 ロマンス SPECIAL GIRLS ROMANCE

I want to be melted with his HOT gaze.

(COOL) GLASSES COLLECTION ♡

...SO JUST THAT?

NO, I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN COOL GUYS WITH GLASSES...

FINE...

UGH...

MAKE IT MORE INCLUSIVE!

YEAH!

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A BIT TOO NARROW?

I DON'T SEE A DIFFERENCE!!!

DON'T GET IN MY WAY.

DON'T JUST TALK TO ME.

CAT EYE

SQUARE

BAAAN (TA-DAA)

WELLINGTON

THIS IS ABSURD

THEN WE'LL LEAVE THE STYLE OF GLASSES UP TO THEM!!

BOSTON! OR EVEN OVAL!

ばーーん!!

SO, DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS, MIYAMAE-KUN?
OUT WITH IT!
I...
WELL...
...COOKING MANGA HAS BEEN POPULAR LATELY.
SO MAYBE SOMETHING THAT MIXES FOOD AND LOVE...

SO...
...LIKE THIS !?
FOOD COLLECTION
EAT...
ME...
YOU PUT THEM TOGETHER WEIRD.

OR SOMETHING ABOUT CHALLENGING THINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME WOULD BE GOOD TOO.
LIKE SOMEONE STARTING A SPORT OR A BEGINNER IMPROVING AT SOMETHING...
I SEE.
THEN, IF WE SUM THAT ALL UP SIMPLY...

...IT'S LIKE THIS!
Theme:
The First Time
...
I've... never done this before...
WHY DO YOU KEEP MAKING IT DIRTY?

HASN'T THIS JUST TURNED INTO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY LIKE...!?
...YOU REALLY LIKE OTOME GAMES, DON'T YOU?
KANA-YAMA-SAN ...
Reverse Harem! Let's make stories about girls surrounded by boys. ♡
WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT GIRLS LIKE, IT'S GOT TO BE THIS!
SAN (THUD)

THE COVER WILL BE GOR-GEOUS.
SPECIAL GIRLS' ROMANCE
5
HAREM collection!
IT'S SO GREAT! HOT GUYS EVERY-WHERE...! ♡

WE'VE BEEN WAITING.
HOT GUYS.
SHE'LL PICK ME.
AND NO MATTER WHAT PAGE YOU TURN TO...
HOT GUYS.
COME ON. COME OVER HERE.
HOT GUYS.
COME ...WITH ME!

THAT'S AN INSANE POPULA-TION DEN-SITY!!!
I LOVE YOU!
ME TOO!
I LOVE YOU!
HOT GUYS ...! ♡
WHAT SHOULD I DO...!?

GEEZ! GUESS I'LL HAVE TO SETTLE THIS.

HUH?

HOW DO WE REIN THIS IN...?

KYAI (CLAMOR)

GATA (CLATTER)

HAREM!!!

GLASSES!!!

SOMETHING WHERE SHE MARRIES RICH AND LIVES AN EASY LIFE!!!

KYAI

GOTTA ACT LIKE A SENPAI EVERY NOW AND THEN.

NIKO (SMILE)

PON (PAT)

...I HATE TO ADMIT IT...

...BUT I GUESS HE IS THE BEST PERSON TO DEAL WITH A SITUATION LIKE THIS...

...AND, SO...

DAMN IT, MAENO!!!

GATAAN (CRAAASH)

LET'S GO WITH A "NEW EXPERIENCES" COLLECTION THIS TIME!

...MIYAMAE-KUN IS THROWING A HISSY FIT.

...AND...
...THAT MEANS ...?
IF WE CAN'T DECIDE, THEN WHY DON'T WE JUST MATCH EVERYTHING TO THE LEAD WORK?
GYAA (CLANG)
GYAA
HAREM!!!
GLASSES!
IT'S NOT MINE.
MIYA-MAE-KUN'S IDEA!!!

THAT'S GOOD!
OHH!
SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
IF IT'S A TENNIS MANGA, THEN A SPORTS COLLEC-TION.
... THEN A CELEB-RITY COLLEC-TION.
FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE LEAD STORY IS AN IDOL MANGA ...

.....
UM...
UH...
THEN... THE THEME IS. .
UM...
YEAH.
IT'S AN EXTRA FOR LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡.
THE NEXT LEAD IS YUMENO-SENSEI, RIGHT?

...DOESN'T REALLY HAVE ANY DEFINING CHARACTER-ISTICS...
...THAT MANGA...

OKAY!
...THEN, I'LL TAKE YOUR MANU-SCRIPT.

OH!
OKAY!
SO YOU'VE DECIDED ON THE NEXT THEME?
IT'S ON THIS SHEET ...
LET'S SEE...
REQUEST
Re: The one that for the special issue
ALSO ...
...WELL... IT'S ABOUT THE NEXT SPECIAL ISSUE...

THIS THEME IS KIND OF NORMAL, SO IT'S GOING TO BE PRETTY BORING THIS TIME, ISN'T IT!?
YOU COULD HAVE SWITCHED IT UP A L-I-T-T-L-E-MORE!
HUH!?
"THE EASY WAY"!?

KEN-SAN?
?
.....

...OR REFRESHING CLASS-MATES...
A HOT SPRINGS COLLEC-TION WOULD WORK TOO.
I WOULD HAVE LIKED A SWIMSUIT COLLEC-TION!
...LIKE SCHOOL STORIES OR SOME-THING...
AHH... THERE HAS TO HAVE BEEN SOME-THING ELSE...
OR FALLING DOWN!
...OR SWITCH UP THE VIEWPOINT AND GO WITH "WHAT GIRLS REALLY THINK!♡" ...

[ISSUE 58]

I LIKE YOU! GO OUT WITH ME!

!

THAT'S ...!! ACK!

OOOOH!!

A GIRL'S ASKING MIKORIN OUT...!!

HER UNIFORM'S DIFFERENT, SO SHE'S FROM A DIFFERENT SCHOOL ...?

DOK. ドド

DOK! (BADUM) ドド

MAYBE IT'S ONE OF THOSE "I'VE ALWAYS SEEN YOU ON THE TRAIN!♡" THINGS ...!

SHE'S THE SERIOUS TYPE, UNLIKE THE USUAL ONES!

UM!

I SAID "GO OUT"...

...BUT WE CAN START WITH JUST A TRIAL PERIOD! I WON'T GET IN YOUR WAY!

I'LL EVEN CARRY YOUR STUFF FOR YOU EVERY DAY!!

WOW!! SHE'S SO DESPER-ATE!!

HOW ABOUT WE START WITH ME CARRYING YOUR BAG!?

NO!! MY BAG IS HEAVY!! AND I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT IF I'M NOT CARRY-ING IT!!

I'M NOT GIVING IT TO ANYONE!!!

AND HE'S PRETTY DESPER-ATE TOO!!

TH—

THIS BAG IS MINE!!!

SLIP OF THE TONGUE

...AND THEN, IT TURNED TO THAT...

HOW DID I END UP LIKE THIS...?

THEN BRING HER TO SEE ME!!

I'LL GIVE UP IF YOU DO THAT!!!

BESIDES, I'M ALREADY GOING OUT WITH SOME-ONE!!

WHA—!?

This is...

...my girl-friend.

JUST KIDDING!

OH!

HOW ABOUT YOU BRING A FIGURE WITH YOU?

YOUR GIRL-FRIEND, HUH ...?

KA (FLUSH)

S—

SORRY ...!!

BIKU (FLINCH)

THAT'S RIGHT...!! MIKORIN IS A SECRET OTAKU ...!!

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...!

DO YOU HAVE ANY CLUE WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I DO THAT!?

SCREW THAT !!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE TALKING ABOUT ...!!?

THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND NORMALS !!!

LIKE I COULD POSSIBLY BRING HER OUT!!

IF SHE GETS DIRTY OUTSIDE, THE TOP OF HER NOSE WILL GET ALL BLACK !!!

WELL, YOU'LL HAVE...
...TO HAVE SOMEONE PRETEND TO BE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND ...
AGH!
HUH!?
WOULD THIS LEAD TO HIM ASKING ME...!?
WHAT SHOULD I DO!? EVEN IF IT'S ALL A LIE, I'M TOTALLY COMMITTED TO NOZAKI-KUN...!!

YOU'RE RIGHT. I SHOULD HAVE SOMEONE PRETEND ...
AGH!
IS THIS ...
...GONNA TURN INTO SOME-THING WHERE SHE SAYS...
..."I'LL HELP YOU OUT!" ...?
WELL, I APPRECI-ATE THE GESTURE, BUT TO BE HONEST, I ONLY REALLY SEE HER AS A LITTLE SISTER...!!

.....

NOT SAYING ANY-THING !!?

WELL, GUESS I'LL ASK KASHI-MA.

OH!

THAT GIRL WON'T HAVE ANY PROB-LEMS IF YOU BRING KASHIMA-KUN.

YEAH!

SHE'S GOOD-LOOKING AND SMART. JUST PERFECT!

HUH?

PRETEND TO BE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?

OKAY!

WANNA PRAC-TICE?

HOW IS IT?

I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOT MYSELF A BOY-FRIEND.

WOULDN'T IT MAKE MORE SENSE FOR ME TO DRESS UP AS A GIRL?
HEIGHT-WISE.
YOU ARE?
HUH?
PRE-TENDING TO BE MIKO-SHIBA'S GIRL-FRIEND?

HEH...
I DON'T REALLY MIND, YOU KNOW.
I'D WANT AT LEAST A C CUP!
YEAH.
IF YOU PAD YOUR CHEST A LITTLE BIT, IT'LL LOOK BELIEV-ABLE...

HEY ...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU NEED TO FIGHT ABOUT IT...
WE'LL SEE WHICH ONE OF US IS MORE GIRLIE!
OKAY, THEN! ME VERSUS YOU DRESSED AS A GIRL...

YOU'RE USING IT TOO!!?
MIKO-SHIBA !!
PAD-DING !!!

GYAAA (SHRIEK)
GYAAA
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
OH!
YOU HERE TO GET KASHI-MA?
ACTUALLY, SHE'S GONNA BE PLAYING THE ROLE OF MIKO-SHIBA'S GIRL-FRIEND...

BIKU (FLINCH)
HUH?
PLAYING HIS GIRL-FRIEND?
IRA (ANNOYED)

KASHI-MA!
ZUN (THUD)
ZUN
ZUN
HUH!?
WHAT WAS WITH THAT JUST NOW ...!?
DOKI (BADUM)
DOKI
COULD IT BE THAT SENPAI LIKES HER ...!!?

DON'T SCREW WITH ME! DON'T YOU THINK FOR AN INSTANT THAT YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH SHODDY ACTING LIKE THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE DRAMA CLUB!!
DO IT SERIOUSLY!!!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT!!!

SEO, HUH ...?
SHE'S NOT REALLY MY FAVORITE PERSON ...
I'M PRETTY SURE SHE'S WITH THE GLEE CLUB RIGHT NOW!
WHAT ABOUT YUZUKI?
I KNOW.
ZURU
ZURU (DRAG)

SIGNS: ART CLUB

HE GOT HER TO COME WITH HIM.

HUH? PRETEND TO BE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?

ISN'T DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT KINDA JUVENILE?

JUST TURN HER DOWN!

AWWW, BUT IT SOUNDS FUN!!

IT'S THE PERFECT OPPOR-TUNITY, SO LET'S DO THAT, YUZUKI!

THE CONCERT SPECS!

CON-CERT SPECS ?

OH, WELL ...

...YUZUKI BEHAVES HERSELF DURING CON-CERTS.

OHH?

SHE ACTUALLY KINDA HAS IT TOGETHER, DOESN'T SHE?

HER SENPAI WORKED REALLY HARD TO GET THERE!

PLEASE JUST SETTLE DOWN!!!

JUST DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL!!!

DON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE!!!

AND PUT ON SOME SOCKS!!!

IS SHE REALLY IN HIGH SCHOOL?

ALL DONE!
OHHHH!!!

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I SEE IT, IT'S STILL AMAZING!
SO CUTE!♡
THIS REALLY IS A BIG TRANS-FORMATION.
SHE LOOKS PRETTY FANCY, DOESN'T SHE?

DRESSED LIKE THIS, "GLEE CLUB'S LORELAI" FITS HER PERFECTLY, DOESN'T IT?
OH!
THAT'S ONLY HERE AT THIS SCHOOL.
THE OTHER SCHOOLS ...

...call her "Roman School's Little Mermaid."
BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T TALK.
HER NICKNAMES ARE ALWAYS SO FAIRY TALE-LIKE.

IT'S LIKE I'M TALKING TO A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON...
KOKU (NOD)
O-OKAY, THEN ...
I'M COUNT-ING ON YOU, SEO.

I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU WERE LYING...
Y—
YOU REALLY HAVE ONE?
UH... THIS IS MY GIRL-FRIEND.
...SO...

...CARRYING MY BAG IS HER.
THE ONLY ONE I CAN EVEN IMAGINE ...
SU (REACH)
SOR-RY.
AND SAYING I WOULD CARRY YOUR BAG...!
I'M SO SORRY FOR PUSHING YOU LIKE THAT ...!!

OH, RIGHT... SHE'S SEO.
GA (THWACK)
POI (TOSS)

THERE'S A GIRL LIKE THAT AT OUR SCHOOL?

HUH? OUR UNIFORM?

BUT, REALLY ...

...ALL I DID WAS CHANGE MY LOOK A BIT, AND NO ONE HAS A CLUE WHO I AM.

TON (THUD)

UGH!

WAKA !!!

!

HMM?

OH.

SOR—

NAH ...

NO WAY HE'S GONNA REALIZE IT'S ME.

HE'S WAY TOO DITZY.

JI (STARE)

.....

WHA —?

HUH?

HE ACTUALLY NOTICED THAT!?

THAT'S WEIRD!!!

SEO-SENPAI'S WEARING SOCKS !!!

OH.
YOU CHANGED YOUR HAIR-STYLE TOO?
...
THAT MAKES YOU LOOK A LOT MORE GROWN-UP.
SO HE LIKES THIS KIND OF THING TOO?
SO SHALLOW.

WELL, GUESS I CAN GIVE HIM A FREEBIE EVERY NOW AND THEN.
SHIZU (SILENT)
SHIZU
OH!
THAT ONE PLACE ...
...HAS A NEW ITEM ON THE MENU.
...SO...
...WE LOOKED FOR OUR MISSING BALL.
AND...
UHH...

...UM ...
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE IN A BAD MOOD OR SOME-THING...
...BUT I CAN MOVE TO ANOTHER TRAIN CAR IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK.
I DON'T REALLY LIKE BEING IGNORED.

WHOA!
GA (GRAB)
HEY!
STOP IT!!!
GURI
GURI
GURI (GRIND)
WHAT ARE YOU DOING !!?

...SO, YOU KNOW ...
...SEO-SENPAI WAS REALLY HORRIBLE YESTER-DAY!
FIRST, SHE IGNORED ME, AND THEN SHE PULLED MY HAIR.
SHE CAN ACTUALLY GET WORSE?
WOW.

ALSO ...
...I HEARD THAT MIKOSHIBA-SENPAI WAS WITH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN AT THE STATION YESTERDAY.
WAY TO GO!
GATA (CLATTER)
REALLY!?
LET'S GO ASK HIM ABOUT IT!!!

...NAH. I JUST ASKED HER TO GO THERE WITH ME. THAT'S ALL.
...AND, THEN...
...AFTER THAT...

...SHE THREW MY BAG!
I THOUGHT THEN THAT THERE REALLY ARE A LOT OF HORRIBLE WOMEN AROUND ME.
(WAKA-MATSU)

LOST SIGHT OF THE OBJECTIVE

URK!

HORI-SENPAI !!!

SHORT

WANTS TO BE THE HEROINE

GOOD ACTOR

BUT, REALLY, ONCE YOU'RE CROSS-DRESSING...

...IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ACTING ABILITY, YOU CAN'T PLAY A GIRLFRIEND ...

AHH ...!

BUT I WANT TO BE HIS PRINCE!!!

THAT'S IT...!! SENPAI WOULD BE ABLE TO PULL IT OFF PERFECTLY ...!!!

I'LL PLAY THE BOYFRIEND!!!

PUT ME IN IT!!!

I KNOW!!! IF SENPAI AND I PRETEND TO BE GOING OUT ...!!!

What's Happened Before

Mayu Nozaki loves judo. Usually, he doesn't have any motivation, but he gets serious when it comes to things he likes.

Mayu-kun has one little problem. Somehow, the members of the judo team are bad at grappling! That is a serious state of affairs! So to catch everyone's interest, how about he teaches them with illustrations?

Meanwhile, his friend Kobayashi-kun started a blog using his illustrations. It's apparently pretty popular, but Mayu-kun doesn't really seem to care.

Huh? Who is Kobayashi-kun again? He's a side character, so you don't really need to remember him!

"It's all good."

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HOW HE TREATS HIM

MAYU NOZAKI (15)

HE SERIOUSLY CAN'T BE BOTHERED ABOUT ANYTHING ...

...AND GIVING HIM A CELL PHONE DOESN'T CHANGE THAT PART OF HIM ONE BIT.

I NEVER GET ANY TEXTS BACK FROM NOZAKI!!

PIRORODO (JINGLE)

HUH?

IT'S FROM NOZAKI?

UGH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NOZAKI-KUN?

PIRORODO

Mayu Nozaki

YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH THE ONLY ONE NOZAKI ACTUALLY TEXTS.

HE TOTALLY TREATS YOU DIFFERENT!

WHAT SORT OF STUFF DOES HE SAY?

WHAT SORT? WELL...

HE TREATS YOU AWFUL!

Mayu Nozaki

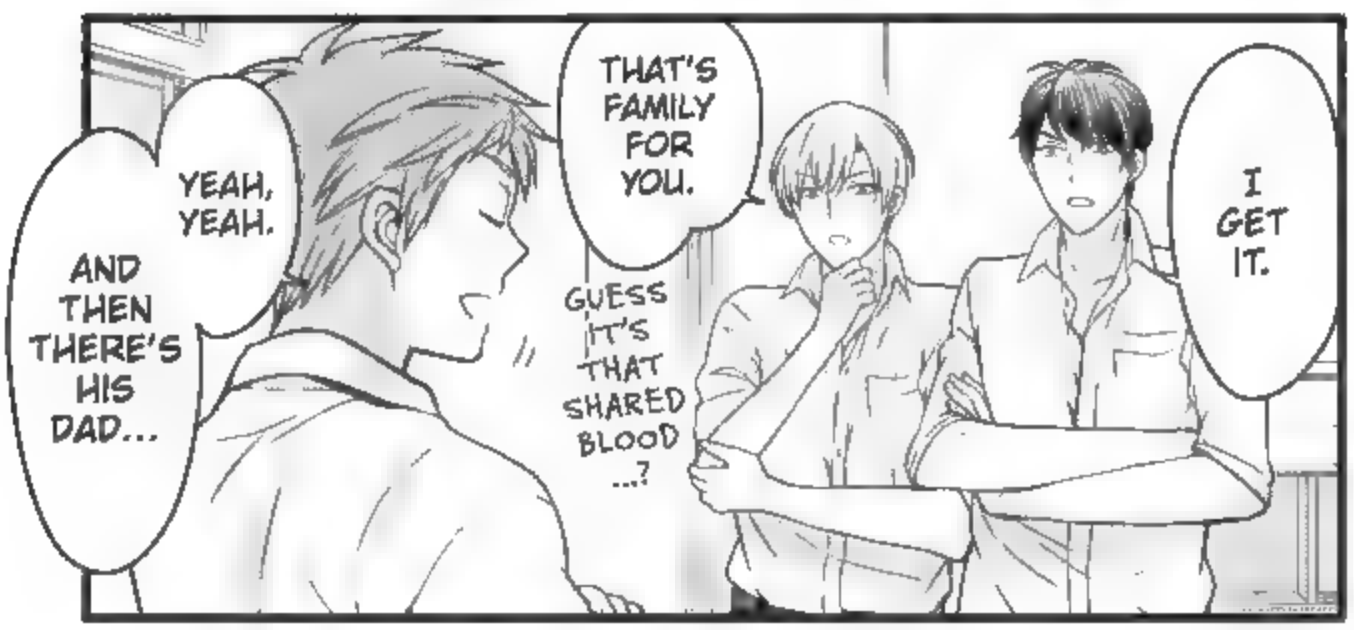
sub: I got a text

Type it in for me.

...IT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL THIS.

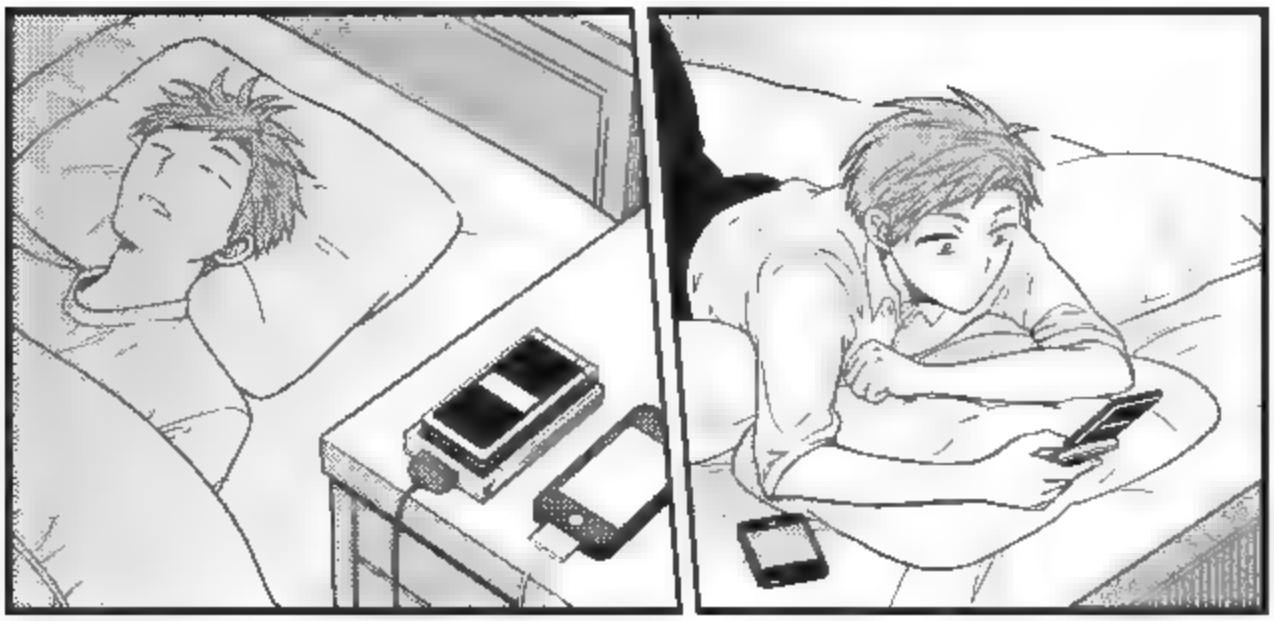
NAH!
NO WAY WOULD HE MAKE ME DO THAT!
ISN'T THAT AWKWARD?
DO YOU EVEN TYPE OUT TEXTS TO HIS FAMILY FOR HIM?

HIS BROTH-ER'S AMAZ-ING!!!
To Mayu
You want three pieces of fried spuds? Got it.
To Nii-san
3S
HIS BROTHER CAN GET IT WITH JUST A COUPLE LETTERS!
IT'S ALL RIGHT!


YEAH, YEAH.
AND THEN THERE'S HIS DAD...
THAT'S FAMILY FOR YOU.
GUESS IT'S THAT SHARED BLOOD ...?
I GET IT.

DAD ...!!!
To Mayu
You want three little sisters!? Dad would really like five little brothers!!
To Dad
3S
HE DOESN'T GET IT AT ALL, BUT HE HAS NO CLUE WHATSO-EVER.
I-T'S-TO-TAL-LY-FINE!!

KOBA-YASHI.
TEXT.
PLEASE?
FOR REAL?
YOU'RE GETTING A LOT TODAY.



WELL...
...IT JUST HAP-PENED... IT'S EASIER...
YOU GOTTA BRING IT HOME WITH YOU!!
HEY!
WHY AM I LIVING MY LIFE WITH YOUR PHONE!?

UNIFORMS: ONZAKI FIRST JUNIOR HIGH

SHOULD YOU TELL HIM THAT IT'S TOO MUCH WORK?
Keep your right knee up against their right hip.
YEAH.
I DID ACTUALLY YELL AT HIM THIS LAST TIME.
I DUNNO IF HE ACTUALLY LISTENED THOUGH.

TO BE HONEST, I'M KINDA WORRIED ABOUT HIS FUTURE.

HE'S IN JUNIOR HIGH, BUT HIS TEXTING IS WORSE THAN AN OLD MAN'S.

IF HE WAS TALKING TO A GIRL WHO'S HIS TYPE...

... WOULDN'T EVEN HE AT LEAST TEXT HER?

HIS TYPE, HUH ...?

MAYU NOZAKI'S TYPE #1

GIRL

GIRL (STRAIN)

GIRL

GIRL

SOME-ONE WHO'S BETTER THAN HIM AT JUDO

MAYU NOZAKI'S TYPE #2

AN OLDER WOMAN WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM

VISUALLY, I'D SAY HER...

PTA

PTA

PTA

YEAH.

VISUALLY, SHE'S THE PERFECT FIT...

WANNA GO GET HER NUMBER?

THE SECRET INTENTIONS OF HIGH SCHOOLERS AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

PIRORORODO (JINGLE)
WHOA! I GOT A MESSAGE FOR THE BLOG !!!
LET'S SEE. "I SAW THE UPDATE HERE AT HIGH SCHOOL. IT'S BEEN A WHILE, AND IT'S GREAT!♡"
WHAT !? A HIGH SCHOOL-ER!?

"SCREEN NAME, MAMIKO ♡"... ... "MAMIKO" ...?
W— WELL, TALKING TO A JUNIOR HIGH GIRL AS A GUY...
...JUST SEEMS KINDA SKEEVY, DOESN'T IT!?
...YEAH. I GUESS YOU BOTH BEING GIRLS WILL PUT HER LESS ON HER GUARD.
NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT.
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
I REALLY AM JUST-A-FAN!

HUH ...?

IF YOU TWO GET CLOSE, THEN INTRODUCE US TO HER FRIENDS.

SHE'S A FAN.

AND SO... ...WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU TEXT BACK AND FORTH WITH MAMIKO-SAN.

C'MON. JUST RESPOND!

REALLY, MAA-KUN!

COME ON!

YOU LIKE OLDER WOMEN, DON'T YOU!!?

PIRORIRORIIN (JINGLE)

AND WHAT DOES IT SAY?

THAT SO?

JUST A MINUTE.

O-OH!

UHH...

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER GOTTEN A REPLY, NOZAKI-!!!!!!!

IT'S A TEXT!!!

WHAT'S WRONG, MAYU-MAYU!!?

To Mamiko-san

Help me.

PI (BEEP)

YOU HAVEN'T CONVERTED TO KANJI YET!!!
SHE'S GONNA THINK YOU'RE AN AIRHEAD!!
WAIT! DON'T SEND IT YET !!!
PIROROORIN
OKAY, FINE. I'LL COME UP WITH THE WORDS, AND YOU JUST PUT THEM IN.

SHE'S ADORABLE ...!!!
Sorry about that. I'm not really used to texting yet, and I messed up. Thank you for your thoughts.
SHIT!

YOU DUMB-ASS !!!
AAAAHH!
YOU'RE THE WORST!!!!
DON'T JUST SEND YOUR NAME!!!
WHOA!
PIROROORIN (JINGLE)
IF YOU DON'T AT LEAST MENTION WHO YOU ARE, SHE'S GONNA THINK IT'S SPAM!!

SHE'S SO ADORABLE !!!
I'm Mayu-Mayu.

WHAT IS YOUR SCREEN NAME?

AH! AH! WHAT SHOULD I DO ..!?

I BET SHE'S TOTALLY LIKE THIS!!

HUH?

IT'S "MAMIKO" ...

?

...MIKO-SHIBA.

SUPER-ADOR-ABLE!!

...FALL BEHIND IN CUTE-NESS!

DON'T YOU...

...LET MAMIKO ...

KA (SNAP)

WE ARE IN HIGH SCHOOL... OUR SMARTS ARE A STEP ABOVE HERS!

THAT IS THE THOUGHT OF A MERE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL-ER!

PITI-FUL!

Y—

YEAH ...

YOU SAY TYPING IN ALL HIRAGANA IS CUTE?

THAT'S PROBABLY...

...A TELE-GRAM!!!

Thank you for the text. I'm very happy!♡

!!?

WRITE IT ALL IN KATA-KANA!

HEY.
TRY WRITING HER BACK.
MAYBE YOU REALLY DID SCARE HER OFF.
MAMIKO-SAN'S NOT RESPOND-ING.

OH NO ...!!! SHE'S ALL WORRIED 'COS IT'S HER FIRST TIME TEXTING, AND I STARTED DRAGGING MY FEET...!!!
GAAAN (SHOCK)
!!!
To Mamiko-san
Did my strange messages make you hate me? Mayu-Mayu

LISTEN UP, NOZAKI!!!
...NO-ZAKI! THAT'S IT...
BA (WHAP)

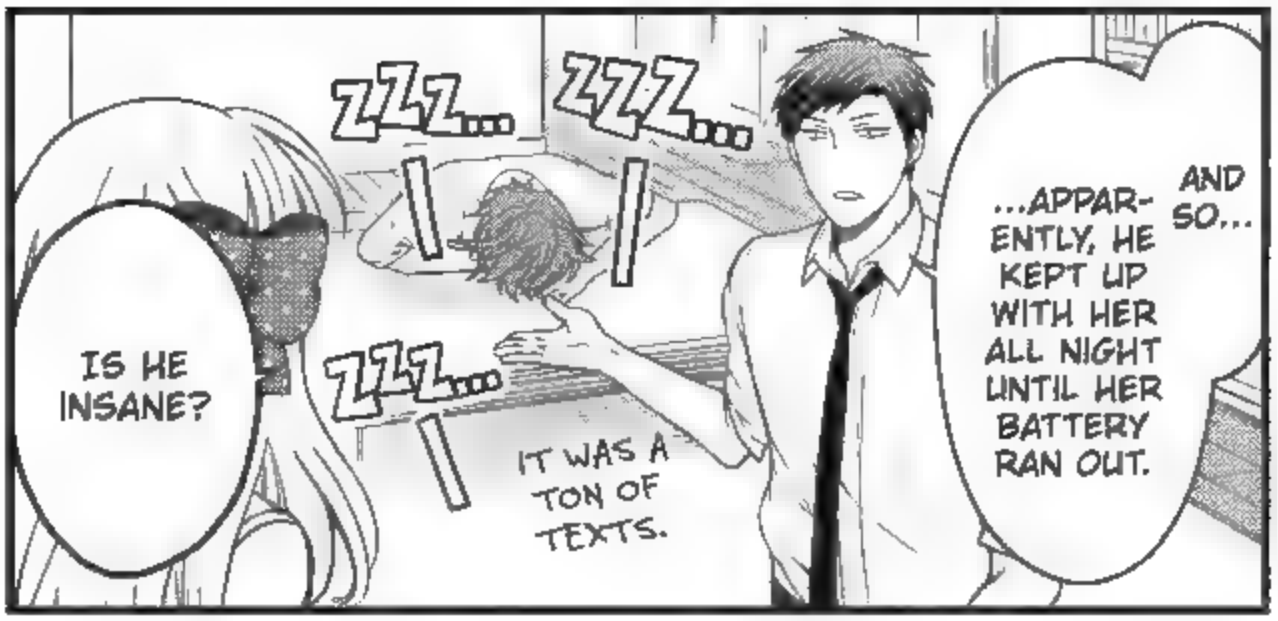
...SO ANSWER HER TEXTS RIGHT AWAY !!!
IT'S PRAC-TICE TIME!
I'LL HELP OUT ...
I'M GONNA RESPOND RIGHT AWAY WHEN SHE TEXTS FROM NOW ON!!

PIROROOO (JINGLE)
PIROROOON
PIROROOO
HE WAS REALLY INTO IT...
I WONDER HOW THINGS TURNED OUT IN THE END...?
MORNING!
MORNING!
YURA (WOBBLE)
KOBA-YASHI ...
WELL, HOPEFULLY, THIS AT LEAST MAKES HIM A LITTLE MORE LIKE A PROPER STUDENT.

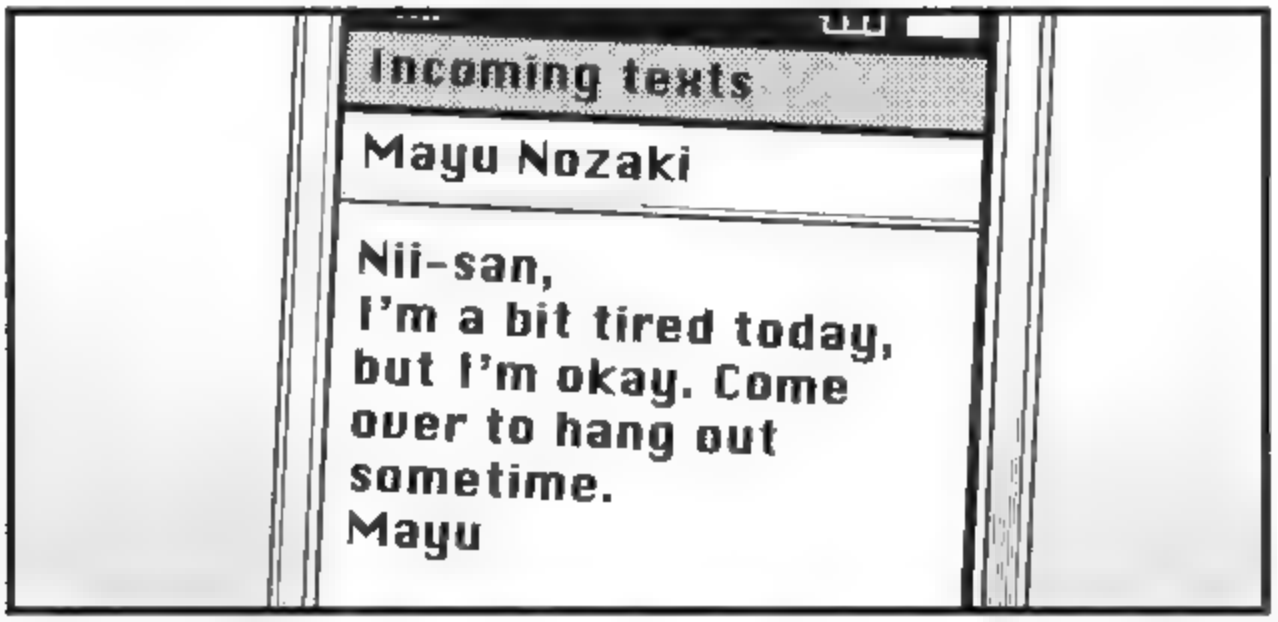
MY BATTERY ...
...RAN OUT...
GURARI (STAGGER)
WHOOOA-!
MAA-KUN !!?

WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING TO MAKE IT RUN OUT!!?
ARE YOU MENTAL!!?
HUH !?
... ARE YOU OKAY !?
NO-ZAKI-KUN ...
WHAT !?
YOUR BATTERY RAN OUT!?

JUST THEN, HE THOUGHT THAT, IN THIS CASE, THERE MIGHT BE A BIGGER PROBLEM THAN JUST BEING LIKE A PROPER STUDENT.
...
GA
GA
GA (THINK)


ZZZ...
ZZZ...
ZZZ...
IS HE INSANE?
IT WAS A TON OF TEXTS.
AND SO...
...APPARENTLY, HE KEPT UP WITH HER ALL NIGHT UNTIL HER BATTERY RAN OUT.

PIROROOON
COME TO THINK OF IT, I WONDER WHAT HE'S BEEN UP TO.
OF COURSE, I'M SURE NOTHING'S CHANGED.
MAYU, HUH ...?
WRONG GENDER THOUGH.
THAT NAME KIND OF REMINDS ME OF MAYU-KUN.
STILL, "MAYU-MAYU-SAN," HUH?
CUP: TEA


Incoming texts
Mayu Nozaki
Nii-san,
I'm a bit tired today, but I'm okay. Come over to hang out sometime.
Mayu

...MADE PROG-RESS IN TEXTING ...!!?
HE'S...

WHAT THE HELL? YOU'RE SO PREJU-DICED!
AND WHO CARES IF SHE LIKES MACARONS!!?
IN PINK!!!
SHE'S THE TYPE WHO'LL SAY "MACARONS! ♡" WHEN YOU ASK HER WHAT HER FAVORITE FOOD IS.
IT'S ALL CALCU-LATED!!!
BESIDES, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A JUNIOR HIGH GIRL WHO'S BAD AT TEXTING THESE DAYS!!
PIROROON (JINGLE)
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?
...
KYUN (TOUCHED)
PIRORIROOON (JINGLE)
THE RICE BALLS MY BROTHER MAKES.

[ISSUE 60]

HMM...
Roman School Drama Club
NOZAKI-KUN WRITES THE SCRIPTS FOR THE ROMAN SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB.

WHAT'S WRONG, KASHIMA-KUN?
-PROBLEMS?
WELL...
...THE PRINCE WHO'S THE LEAD THIS TIME IS SUPPOSED TO BE WISTFUL.
I DID TRY TO ACT HIM THAT WAY...

...BUT I JUST GET THE FEELING THAT IT'S NOT RIGHT.
IT'S MORE, YOU KNOW...
...LIKE I'M BEING EXPECTED TO PORTRAY SOMETHING MUCH MORE COMPLEX...
KASHIMA-KUN...

I DON'T THINK THE PLAYWRIGHT PUT THAT MUCH THOUGHT INTO IT.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING WITH SUCH A SERIOUS LOOK ON YOUR FACE, CHIYO-CHAN?

PERSUASIVE POWER

...BUT I'M A PROFESSIONAL WHEN IT COMES TO ROMANCE.
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE...
NO WAY... DOING ROMANCE WITHOUT ANY EXPERIENCE AT ALL IS JUST...

YUMENO-SENSEI TOTALLY GETS A GIRL'S HEART!!
LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ WAS SO SAD THIS TIME^^
M—
MAKING PEOPLE CRY WITHOUT ANY EXPERIENCE IS JUST...!

MAGAZINES' ROMANCE

CRUSH BEHAVIOR

CHIYO-CHAN'LL HEAR, SO OKAY.

WANT ME TO TAKE A LOOK?

HUH? YOU?

OHH? YOU DON'T GET THE SCRIPT?

IT'S PROBABLY 'COS SHE LETS HER GUARD DOWN AND SMILES AT OTHER MEN.

MAYBE IT'S 'COS, SOMETIMES, THE PRINCESS SAYS STUPID THINGS?

HMM.

PRINCE:

WHEN I SEE YOU, SOME TIMES, IT ANNOYS ME

HOW DO YOU THINK HE FEELS HERE?

THAT'S SOMETHING HE'S SAYING OUT OF DESPERATION, TRYING TO GET HER TO LOOK AT HIM JUST FOR A BRIEF MOMENT.

IT'S A DAYTIME SOAP!!! THAT'S A DAYTIME SOAP MOVE!!!

OH!

I'LL KILL YOU AND THEN MYSELF AS WELL!!!

PRINCE:

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY... IF I TOLD YOU THAT WINE WAS POISONED?

AND THEN, HERE ...

GASHI (GRAB)

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, SENSEI.

I UNDERSTAND THE MEANING, BUT IN THE END, I JUST DON'T GET ONE-SIDED CRUSHES.

WISTFULNESS, HUH...?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST IMAGINE A REAL PERSON IN THERE?

LIKE ...

UMM. PROBABLY HORI-SENPAI.

FOR EXAMPLE. ...WHO WOULD GET YOU FIRED UP AS A LOVE INTEREST?

!!?

SO SHE REALLY DOES LIKE HIM...!!?

DOKI (BADUM)

WHO WOULD GET YOU FIRED UP AS A RIVAL?

HORI-SENPAI, I THINK.

HUH ...!?

THE ONE SHE LOVES

RIVAL

MOTHER?

HORI-SENPAI.

PET PUPPY?

HORI-SENPAI

WHAAAAT!!?

わら WARA

わら WARA (CROWD)

わら WARA

DOG

OKAY, THEN I GUESS WE'LL IMAGINE IT WITH HORI-SENPAI.

SAY SENPAI GETS HIMSELF A GIRL-FRIEND ONE DAY.

A GIRL-FRIEND !?

YEAH. WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

I'D GET ALL BUDDY-BUDDY WITH HER...

...AND WE'D ALL HANG OUT TOGETH-ER!!

WE'D ALL HANG OUT TOGETH-ER!!

NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

SHE'S IN LOVE WITH HIM.

NO... THAT'S NOT IT...

I KNOW! LET'S SAY THAT A FIANCÉE HE'S PROMISED TO SPEND HIS LIFE WITH APPEARS.

UGH ...!!!

SO SHE REALLY STOLE HER AwAy!!?

THAT GIRLFRIEND IS JUST HOPELESS!!!

OHHH?
THAT'S GOOD...
...NO-ZAKI!
I WANNA MAKE A SAD FACE TOO!
WHAT GOOD WILL YOU DOING THAT DO?
POOR GUY...
WHEN I SEE SENPAI ...
...I MIGHT END UP LOOKING SAD...

I KNOW!!!
.....HM? WON'T FALL FOR HER...?
UGH... IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WHO DEFINITELY WON'T FALL FOR KASHIMA ...?

AH HA HA HA!
AH HA HA HA HA!
HORI-SENPAI AND I ARE GOING OUT!!!
KA (FLASH)
OKAY, KASHIMA !!!
IMAGINE THIS!!!

WHY, SAKURA !!?
THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU!!!
CHIYO-CHAN GOT ALL SAD ...!!!

FINE. THEN STAY AWAY FROM HORI-SENPAI FOR A WHILE.

WHAAT!?

WHY?

IN YOUR CASE ...

...IT'LL BE FASTER TO GET YOU SAD THROUGH THE PAIN OF NOT BEING ABLE TO TALK TO HIM.

AWWW!

YO... ... KASHI-MA.

SA

HEY ... ... KASHI-MA.

KASHI —!

SASA

SASA

SA

.....

...HEY.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HORI-CHAN?

HE HASN'T MOVED AT ALL FOR A WHILE NOW.

IT'S LIKE HE'S TAKING SILENT DAMAGE...

SOMEONE GO TALK TO HIM!

GO DO YOUR CLUB ACTIVI-TIES.
I WANNA HANG OUT WITH SENPAI!!! I WANT SENPAI TO CHASE ME!!!
IT HURTS ...!!!
HOW IS IT, KASHIMA?
DOES IT HURT?

...IN THAT CASE ...
...ALL WE NEED NOW...
THIS FEELS A LOT LIKE THE PAIN OF NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE SOMEONE.
OH.
UGGGHH...
I WANNA TALK TO HIM, EVEN JUST A LITTLE BIT...

THE TRUTH IS...
...I'M GOING TO EAT LUNCH WITH HORI-SENPAI TODAY.
SU (FWISH)
KA-SHIMA.
...IS JEALOUSY !!!

ARGH! WHY, SAKURA !!?
CHIYO-CHAN LOOKS TOTALLY JEALOUS !!!

JUST HOLD OUT THREE MORE DAYS.
JUST ... ... THREE MORE DAYS, HUH?
THAT'S A LONG TIME...
KASHIMA-KUUUN!

THE PRINCESS ISN'T GOING TO BE HERE FOR REHEARSAL, SO SOME-ONE'S FILLING IN FOR HER.
HUH? FOR REAL?
YEAH. SOOOO...
GASH GRAB

...DON'T RUN AWAY, KASHIMA.
IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, I'LL HEAR YOU OUT.
YOU'VE REALLY GIVEN ME THE RUN-AROUND.
HUH? OH! UM...
HUH !? SENPAI!!?
GLI GYANKO

JUST THREE MORE DAYS ...!!!
JUST WAIT THREE MORE DAYS!
HUH...? A DEBT...!?

I HAVE TO GO NOW.
'M SORRY.
CHIYO-CHAN AND NOZAKI ARE GONNA BE PISSED AT ME!!!
WAAAAAHH! WHAT DO I DO!!?

WAITING UNTIL I COULD SEE YOU AGAIN...
...HAS NEARLY DRIVEN ME MAD...
DON'T SAY ...SUCH SAD TH NGS ...
BUT THEY'RE DEFINITELY GONNA BE PISSED WITH ME LATER!!!
AND SENPAI'S GONNA BE PISSED TOO!!!
AAAAHH! BUT I'M REALLY HAPPY TO GET TO BE ONSTAGE WITH SENPAI!!!

...could just stand still...
KYU (SQUEEZE)
きゅっ
If only ... time ...
AHH... I MIGHT AS WELL JUST...

ZAWA (CLAMOR)
ざわ
ｷﾌｯ

I'M BACK, MASTER!

...BUT I TALKED TO HIM TODAY, SO I FAILED!!!

TOO BAD!

AH-HA-HA-HA-HA!

... SO ...

...I WAS TRYING REALLY HARD NOT TO TALK TO SENPAI...

ARF! ARF! ARF!

YEAH. KASHIMA-KUN FINALLY CAME BACK TO YOU.

AH HA HA HA.

GOOD FOR YOU, HORI-CHAN.

...OKAY, FINE.

WAHOOO!!

SENPAI, LET'S WALK HOME TOGETH-ER!!!

...LATELY, SENPAI...

YOU KNOW ...

A FEW DAYS LATER

OVER-PROTECTIVE

CARRIED IN HIS ARMS FOR HER WALK

HORI-CHAN... DID HER RUNNING AWAY TRAU-MATIZE YOU...!?

!?

OHH?

HE MUST HAVE CHANGED WHAT TIME HE TAKES THE TRAIN.

I'M REALLY GLAD I GET TO COME TO SCHOOL WITH HIM EVERY DAY!

...HAS BEEN MEETING ME AT THE STATION EVERY MORN-ING!

WELL, KASHIMA-KUN WAS SERIOUSLY RUNNING.
THAT WASN'T GOOD.
THAT WASN'T GOOD.
APPAR-ENTLY, IT REALLY CAUSED A LOT OF DAMAGE TO HORI-SENPAI.

I WOULD NEVER DO THAT!
WHAA—?
I THINK.
I'D PROBABLY GET THE WORST SHOCK IF YOU STARTED RUNNING AWAY FROM ME.
AH HA HA HA HA!

IS THAT SO?
HUH?
OHH, I GET...
BEING IGNORED BY THE ONE WHO'S CLOSEST TO YOU
REALLY HURTS.
YOU KNOW ...
...HORI-CHAN WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN SO DOWN IF IT HAD BEEN ANYONE BUT KASHIMA-KUN, PROBABLY.

WHAT'S WRONG, SAKURA-SAN!!?
AAAA-AHHHH!!!

ASK ME ANYTHING ABOUT LOVE.

DON'T TELL ME HE HAS A TON OF ROMANTIC EXPERIENCE, DESPITE HOW HE LOOKS...!

...FOR HIM TO UNDER-STAND LOVE SO MUCH...

STILL...

ACK!

THEN, WOULD HE EVEN PLAY AROUND WITH CHIYO-CHAN!?

CHIYO-CHAN !!!

HUH ?

NOZAKI-KUN!!?

WHAT!?

HUH?

IF NOZAKI SAID, "GO OUT WITH ME," WHAT WOULD YOU DO!?

SHE'S REALLY WARY !!!

..AND THEN A NOTEPAD .

WAIT, MIKORIN MIGHT BE HIDING IN THE SHADOWS...

I'D CHECK TO MAKE SURE HE DIDN'T HAVE A CAMERA ...

HE'S BEEN WAITING

I'M GONNA BE GETTING REAL BUSY SOON!!!
D—
DUMBASS!!
YOU'VE BEEN COMING TO SCHOOL A LOT
WELL...
...HAVE YOU BEEN BORED ALL THIS TIME?
DON'T YOU HAVE A LOT OF CLUB STUFF GOING ON THIS YEAR?
WE HUNG OUT A LOT MORE LAST YEAR.

AND I'M GONNA GO TO THE MOVIES, THE MUSEUM, AND THE ZOO TOO!!!
OVER AND OVER AGAIN!!
where do you want to go?
LISTEN UP!!
THERE'S THE POOL! AND THE AMUSE-MENT PARK!

REALLY? I DON'T HAVE CLUB STARTING THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, SO I THOUGHT WE MIGHT GO HANG OUT...
GUESS THAT'S OUT...
AWW...
SO, YOU SEE, I'VE GOT MY OWN PLANS TOO...

HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER BREAK?

AND THEN, WHEN I WASN'T AT PRACTICE ...
THOUGH, SEO-SENPAI DID COME TO BUG US ONE TIME OUT OF THREE...
ALL TOLD, I THINK I SAW THE GUYS FROM THE BASKETBALL TEAM MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE THIS SUMMER.

AND WE STOOD IN LINE TO-GETHER...
HUH!?
...ACTUALLY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS LINE IS FOR...
...AND TO THE POOL...
SO LET'S GO RIGHT NOW.
YOU CAN BORROW MY BROTHER'S SUIT
I WANT SOME MEAT..
GUUU (RUMBLE)
DON'T SAY THAT WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE OTTERS!!
...SEO-SENPAI BROUGHT ME TO THE AQUARI-UM...

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Thank you very much for picking up the special edition of *Nozaki-kun* Volume 6!

This edition includes a Mikorin figure, so I'll give you a quick rundown on how this figure got made!

THE MAKING OF THE MIKORIN FIGURE

1 DRAW THE ILLUSTRATION

Shirt: Tanu☆Pon
FIRST, YOU DRAW AN IMAGE OF WHAT YOU WANT THE FINISHED FIGURE TO BE LIKE!
APPARENTLY, IT'S BEST AND EASIEST TO UNDERSTAND IF YOU DRAW IT IN COLOR FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT ANGLES!
THERE ARE THREE DOTS HERE.

2 MAKE THE PROTOTYPE

FORM THE GENERAL BODY BASED ON 1

KOTOBUKIYA MADE IT FOR US!

SO AWESOME!!!

WHEN YOU ASK THEM TO MAKE THIS PART LIKE THIS, THEY FIX IT FOR YOU! I'M SO MOVED THAT THEY PUT SO MUCH ATTENTION TO DETAIL IN!

WE SEND SAMPLE FIGURES BACK AND FORTH SEVERAL TIMES, ALWAYS AIMING TO MAKE HIM EVEN CUTER!

WE LOWERED HIS EYES AND MADE HIS CHEEKS CHUBBIER!!

SORRY FOR BEING SO STUBBORN!!

AND THE ADJUSTMENT RALLY STARTS AGAIN!

I REALLY AM SORRY FOR BEING SO STUBBORN!!

PAINT

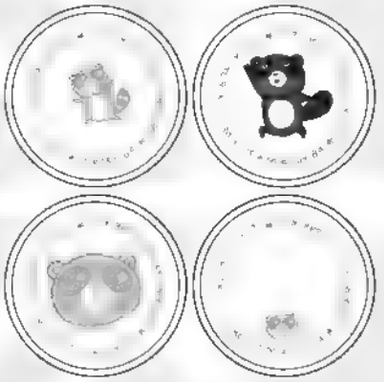
COMPLETE!

AFTER CHANGING THE SHADOWS, CHANGING THE COLOR OF THE BELT, AND ADDING EARRINGS, IT WAS DONE! TRY PUTTING MIKORIN IN ALL SORTS OF PLACES...ON YOUR DESK, EVEN NEXT TO YOUR CUP!

IF IT WERE A NOZAKI-KUN FIGURE, I'D BUY TEN OF THEM!!!

3 DESIGN THE STAND

Come up with several different designs and then decide from there



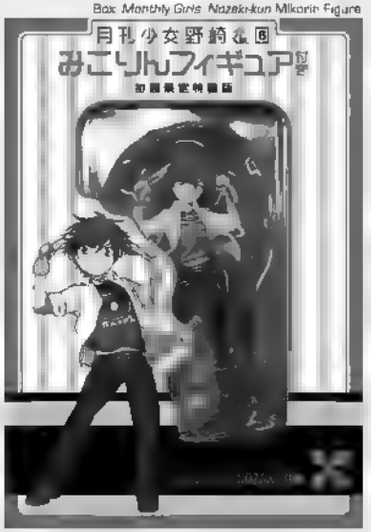
▲ Several random designs

▲ This one was the final selection.

4 DESIGN THE BOX

We came up with several different designs, and in the end, we decided on one based on it feeling "like a toy."

Box: *Monthly Girls' Nozaki-kun* Mikorin Figure



▲ Rejected Design

YEAH, LET'S PUT THEM NEXT TO EACH OTHER.
NOW MIKORIN CAN FINALLY GET A GIRLFRIEND!
THEY MADE A FIGURE OF MIKO-SHIBA.
THE FACE!!! YOU CAN'T SEE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART, THE FACE, NOZAKI-KUN!!!
IT'S OUT OF THE FRAME!!!
WITH THE FIGURE WHOSE FACE HE LIKES THE BEST
THE EARS!!! YOU CAN'T SEE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART, THE EARS, NOZAKI-KUN!!!
PUT THE ENTIRE BODY IN!!!
WITH A BUNNY GIRL...
NOZAKI-KUN, TRY A LITTLE HARDER!
SO (PLACE)

TRY IT FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW

LET'S MAKE UP A STORY SO IT DOESN'T FEEL SO AWKWARD PUTTING THEM TOGETHER.
A STORY?
SEE, SHE TOOK A CERTAIN DRUG THAT MADE HER GROW SO BIG...
MIKOTO-KUN...
WILL YOU STILL STAY WITH ME NOW THAT I'M LIKE THIS...?
AND THUS, WE TURN IT INTO A SAD LOVE STORY...
OH...
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHEN I LOOK AT THIS FIGURE...
...I CAN'T HELP WONDERING WHAT THE DEAL IS WITH THAT MESSED UP LOOK.
SAKURA ...

SPECIAL GIRLS'
NOZAKI-KUN

TRANSLATION NOTES

COMMON HONORIFICS

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-sensei: A term of respect commonly used for teachers but can also refer to doctors, writers, and artists.

-senpai: Used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-kouhai: Used to address underclassmen or less experienced coworkers.

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In the original edition, the "my" in "my name" is ***watashi***, a Japanese pronoun that is a gender-neutral form of "I" but can read as feminine.

PAGE 59

Hanako-san is a traditional female ghost who haunts school bathrooms.

PAGE 81

Grass-eaters, or "herbivore men," are Japanese men who aren't particularly ambitious or interested in women.

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